



THE
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OF
SELIMVS

Emperour of the *Turkes.*

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THE FIRST PART OF THE most tyrannicall Tragedie and raigne of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes, and grandfather to him

that now reigneth.

*Enter Baizet Emperour of Turke, Mustaffa, Cherscoly,
and the Iannisaries.*

Baizet.

Leue me my Lords vntill I call you soorth,
For I am heauie and disconsolate.

Exeunt all but Baizet.

So *Baizet*, now thou remainst alone,
Vnrip the thoughts that harbour in thy brest,
And eate thee vp, for arbiter heres none,
That may discrie the cause of thy vnrest,
Vnlesse these walles thy secret thoughts declare,
And Princes walles they say, vnfaythfull are,
Why that's the profit of great regiment,
That all of vs are subiect vnto feares,
And this vaine shew and glorious intent,
Priuie suspition on each scrupule reares,
I, though on all the world we make extent,
From the South-pole vnto the Northen beares,
And stretch our raign from East to Western shore,
Yet doubt and care are with vs euermore.
Looke how the earth clad in her sommers pride,
Embroydereth her mantle gorgiously,
With fragrant hearbes, and flowers gaily dide,

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Spreading abroad her spangled Tapistrie:
Yet vnder all a loathsome snake doth hide.
Such is our life, vnder Crownes, cares do lie,
And feare the scepter still attends vpon,
Oh who can take delight in kingly thrones?
Publike disorders ioyn'd with priuate carke,
Care of our friends, and of our children deare,
Do tosse our liues, as waues a silly barke.
Though we be fearelesse, tis not without feare,
For hidden mischiefe lurketh in the darke:
And stormes may fall, be the day nere so cleare.
He knowes not what it is to be a King,
That thinks a scepter is a pleasant thing.
Twice fiftene times hath faire *Latoraes* sonne
Walked about the world with his great light:
Since I began, would I had nere begunne
To sway this scepter. Many a carefull night
When *Cynthia* in hast to bed did runne.
Haue I with watching vext my aged spright?
Since when what dangers I haue ouerpalt,
Would make a heart of adamant agast.
The Persian *Sophs* mightie *Ismaell*,
Tooke the *Levan:e* cleane away from mee,
And *Caraguis Basse* sent his force to quell,
Was kild himselfe the while his men did flee.
Poore *Halt Basse* hauing once sped well,
And gaid of him a bloodie victorie,
Was at the last slaine fighting in the field,
Charactering honor in his batt'red shield.
Ramirchan the Tartarian Emperour,
Gathering to him a number numberlesse,
Of bigbond Tartars in a haplesse houte
Encountred me, and there my chieftest blesse
Good *Alembrue* (ah this remembrance soule),
Was slaine the more t' augment my sad distresse,
In leeling *Alembrue* poore, I lost more

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of Selimus, Imperour of the Turkes.

Then euer I had gained theretofore
Well may thy soule rest in her latest graue,
Sweete *Alembase* the comfort of my dayes,
That thou might st liue, how often did I crave?
How often did I bootlesse prayers raise
To that high power that life first to thee gave?
Truthe walt thou come at all assaies,
And dearest child thy father oft hath cride,
That thou hadst liu'd, so he himselfe had dide.
The Christian Armies, oftentimes defeated
By my victorious fathers valiance,
Haue all my Captaines famously confronted,
And crackt in two our vncontrolled lance.
My strongest garrisons they haue supplanted,
And ouerwhelmed me in sad mischance:
And my decrease so long wrought their increase,
Till I was forc'd conclude a friendly peace.
Now all these are but forraine dammages,
Taken in warre whose die yncertaine is,
But I shall haue more home-borne outrages,
Vnlesse my diuination aimes amisse:
I haue three sonnes all of vnequall ages,
And all in diuerse studies set their blisse.
Corus my eldest a Philosopher,
Acomas pompous, *Selmi* a warriour.
Corus in faire *Magnesia* leades his life,
In learning Arts, and *Mahounds* dreaded lawes:
Acomas loues to court it with his wife,
And in a pleasant quiet joyes to pause:
But *Selmi* followes warres in dismall strife,
And snatcheth at my Crowne with greedy clawes:
But he shall misse of that he aimeth at,
For I reserue it for my *Acomas*.
For *Acomas*? Alasse it cannot be,
Stearne *Selimus* hath wonne my peoples hart,
The Lanissaries loue him more then me:

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And for his cause will suffer any smart.
They see he is a friend to chivalrie,
And sooner will they from my faith depart,
And by strong hand *Baazer* pull thee downe,
Then let their *Selmi* hop without the Crowne.
Ah, if the souldiers ouerule thy state,
And nothing must be done without their will,
If euery base and vpstart runnagate
Shall crosse a Prince and ouerthwart him still.
If *Cercut*, *Selimus*, and *Acomat*,
With crowns and kingdoms shal their hungers fill?
Poore *Baazer* what then remaines to thee?
But the bare title of thy dignitie.
I, and vnlesse thou do dissemble all,
And winke at *Selimus* aspiring thought:
The *Bassae* cruelly shall worke thy fall,
And then thy Empire is but deerly bought.
Ah that our sonnes thus to ambition thrall,
Should set the law of Nature all at nought.
But what must be, cannot chuse but be done,
Come *Bassae* enter, *Baazer* hath done.

Enters againe.

Cherseoli. Dread Emperour, long may you happie live,
Lou'd of your subiects, and feard of your foes:
We wonder much what doth your highnesse grieue,
That you will not vnto your Lords disclose.
Perhaps you feare least we your loyall Peeres,
Would prooue disloyall to your Maiestie,
And be rebellious in your dying yeeres.
But mightie Prince the heauens can testifie,
How dearly we esteeme your safetie.

Mustaf. Perhaps you thinke *Musstaffe* wil reuolt
And leaue your grace, and cleave to *Selimus*,
But sooner shall th'almighties thunderbolt
Strike me downe to the caue tenebrious
The lowest land, and damned spirits hold.

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Then true *Mustaffa* prooue so treacherous:
Your Maiestie then needs not much to feare,
Since you are lou'd of subiect, Prince, and Peere.
First shall the Sunne rise from the occident,
And loote his steeds benighted in the East,
First shall the sea become the continent,
Ere we forsake our soueraignes heaste:
We fought not for you against Persians Tent,
Breaking our Launces on his sturdie creast.
We fought not for you gainst the Christian hoast,
To become traytors after all our cost.

Baia. Hear me *Mustaffa* and *Cherseols*,
I am a father of a headstrong brood,
Which if I looke not closely to my selfe,
Will seeke to ruinate their fathers state,
Euen as the vipers in great *Neroes* fenne,
Eate vp the belly that first nourish'd them.
You see the haruest of my life is past,
And aged winter hath besprent my head,
With a hoare frost of siluer coloured haire,
The haruingers of honourable eld,
Thee brinchlike vaines which once did guide my armes
To tosse the speare in battellous array,
Now withered vp, haue lost their former strength:
My sonnes whom now ambition ginnes to pricke,
May take occasion of my weakeledge,
And rise in rebell armes against my state.
But staie, here comes a Messenger to vs.

Sound within. Enters a Messenger.

Messer. Health and good hap to *Baazer*,
The great commander of all *Asia*,
Seems the Soldier of great *Trebisond*,
Sends me vnto your grace, to signifie
His alliance with the King of *Tartary*.

Baia. Said I not Lords as much to you before,
That mine own sonnes would seek my overthrow?

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And see here comes a lucklesse messenger.
To prooue that true, which my arm'd did foretell.
Does Sel'm make so simill account of vs,
That he dare matry without our conuent,
An i to that diuell too of Tartarie?
And could he then vnkind, so soone forget
The iniurie that Ramir did to me,
Thus to consort himselfe with him against me?

Chere Your maestie misconstes Selimus,
It cannot be that he in whose high thoughts
A map of many valures is enshrin'd,
Should seeke his fathers ruine and decay.

Selimus is a Prince of forward hope,
Whose onely name affrights your enemies,
It cannot be he should prooue false to you.

Bua. Can it not be? Oh yes *Cherjeoli*,
For Selimus hands do itch to haue the Crowne,
And he wil haue it, or else pull me downe.
Is he a Prince? ah no he is a sea,
Into which runne nought but ambitious reaches,
Seditious complots, murther, fraud, and hate.
Could he not let his father know his mind,
But match himselfe when I least thought on it?

Must. Perhaps my Lord Selimus lou'd the dame,
And feard to certifie you of his loue,
Because her father was your enemie.

Bua. In loue Mustaffi, Selimus in loue?
If he be, Lording, tis not Ladies loue,
But loue of rule, and kingly soueraigntie.
For wherefore should he feare to aske thy consent?
Tis he Mustaffi, if he had feard me,
He neuer would haue lou'd mine enemie.
But this his marriage with the Tartars daughter,
Is but the prologue to his cructie,
And quickly shall we haue the Tragedie,
Which though he act with meditated braueries,

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of Selimis, Emperour of the Turkes.

The world will neuer giue him plauditie.

What yet more newes?

Sound within. Enters another Messenger.

Mess. Dread Emperour, Selimus is at hand,

Two hundred thousand strong Tartarians.

Armed at all points dooes he lead with him,
Besides his followers from Trebisond.

Baia. I thought so much of wicked Selimus,

Oh forlorne hopes and haplesse Baazet.

Is dutie then exiled from his brest,

Which nature hath inscrib'd with golden pen,

Deepe in the hearts of honourable men?

Ah Selim, Selim, wert thou not my sonne,

But some strange vnacquainted forreiner,

Whom I should honour as I honour'd thee:

Yet would it greeue me euen vnto the death,

If he should deale as thou hast dealt with me,

And thou my sonne to whom I freely gaue

The mightie Empire of great Trebisond,

Art too vnnaturall to require me thus,

Good Alemeshae hadst thou liuid till this day,

Thou wouldest haue blushed at thy brothers mind.

Come sweete Mustaffa, come Cherscoli,

And with some good aduise recomfort me.

Exeunt. All.

Enter Selimus, Sinam Baffa, Oyrante, Cebialie,

and the souldiers.

Seli. Now Selimus consider who thou art,

Long hast thou marched in disguis'd attire,

But now vnmiske thy selfe, and play thy part,

And manifest the heate of thy desire:

Nourish the coales of thine ambitious fire,

And thinke that then thy Empire is most sure,

When men for feare thy tyrannie endure,

Thinke that to thee there is no yvorte reproach,

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Then shal I dutie in so high a place,
Thou oughtst to set bariels of blood abroach,
And seeke with swoord whole kingdomes to displace,
Let Mahounds lawes be lockt vp in their case.
And meaner men and of a baser spirit,
In vertuous actions seeke for glorious merit.
I count it sacrilege, for to be holy,
Or reverence this thred-bare name of good,
Leave to old men and babes that kind of follie,
Count it of equall value with the mud:
Make thou a passage for thy gushing floud,
By slaughter, treason, or what else thou can,
And scorne religion, it disgraces man.
My father *Baazet* is weake and old,
And hath not much aboue two yeares to live,
The Turkish Crowne of Pearle and *Ophir* gold,
He meanes to his deare *Acomar* to glorie.
But ere his ship can to her hauen drieue,
Ile send abroad my tempests in such sorte,
That she shall sinke before she get the port.
Alasse, alasse, his highnesse aged head
Is not sufficient to support a Crowne,
Then *Selimus* take thou it in his heed,
And if at this thy boldnesse he dare frowne,
Or but refiſt thy will, then pull him downe:
For ſince he hath ſo ſhort a time t' enjoy it,
Ile make it ſhorter, or I will destroy him.
Nor paſſe I what our holy votaries
Shall here obiect againſt my forward minde,
I wreake not of their foolish ceremonies,
But meane to take my fortune as I finde,
Wisedome commands to follow tide and winde?
And catch the front of ſwift occation,
Before ſhe be too quickly ouergone:
Some man will ſay I am too impious,
Thus to lieue ſiege againſt my fathers life,

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And that I ought to follow vertuous
And godly sonnes: that vertue is a glasse
Wherein I may my errant life behold,
And frame my selfe by it in auncient mould.
Good sir, your wisedomes ouerflowing wit,
Digs deepe with learnings wonder-working spade;
Perhaps you thinke that now forsooth you sit
With some graue wifard in a pratling shade.
Auant such glasse: let them view in me,
The perfect picture of right tyrannie.
I like a Lions looke not worth a lecke,
When euery dog despiseth him of his pray.
These honest termes are farre inough to seeke,
When angry Fortune menaceth decay,
My resolution treads a nearer way.
Giue me the heart conspiring with the hand,
In such a cause my father to withstand.
Is he my father? why I am his sonne,
I owe no more to him then he to me,
It he proceed as he hath now begunne,
And passe from me the Turkish Seigniorie,
To Acomat, then Selimus is free:
And if he iniure me that am his sonne,
Faith all the loue twixt him and me is done.
But for I see the scholemen are prepared,
To plant agaist me their bookish ordinance,
I meane to stand on a sentencious gard:
And without any far fetcht circumstance,
Quickly vnfold mine owne opinion,
To arme my heart with religion.
When first this circled round, this building faire,
Some God tooke out of the confused masle,
(What God I do not know, nor greatly care)
Then euery man of his owne dition was,
And every one his life in peace did passe.
Warre was not then, and riches were not knowne,

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And no man said this, or this is mine owne,
The plough-man with a furrow did not marke
How farre his great possessions did reach:
The earth knew not the share, nor seas the bark.
The souldiers entred not the battred breach,
Nor Trumpets the tantara lond did reach.
There needed them no iudge, nor yet no law,
Nor any King of whom to stand in awe.
But after *Nunes*, warlike *Kelme sonne*,
The earth with vnuowne armour did warray,
Then firt the sacred name of King beguine:
And things that were as common as the day,
Did then to set posseslours first obey.
Then they establisht lawes and holy rites,
To maintaine peace, and gouerne bloodie fights.
Then some sage man, above the vulgar wise,
Knowing that lawes could not in quiet dwell,
Vnlesse they were obserued, did firt devise
The names of Gods, religion, heauen, and hell,
And gan of paines, and fained rewards to tell:
Paines for those men which did neglect the law,
Rewards, for those that liv'd in quiet awe.
Whereas indeed they were mere fictions,
And if they were not, then shukes they were:
And these religions obseruations,
Onely bug-beares to keepe the world in feare,
And make men quietly a yoake to beare.
So that religion of it selfe a bable,
Was onely found to make vs peaceable,
Hence in especiall come the *Englyssh names*,
Of father, mother, brother, and such like;
For who so well his cogitation frames,
Shall finde they serue but onely for to strike.
It to our minds a certayne kind of loue,
For these names too are but a policie,
To keepe the quiete of societie.

Indeed

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Indeed I must confess they are not bad,
Because they keepe the baser sort in feare,
But we, whose minde in heavenly thoughts is clad,
Whose boodie doth a gloriuous spirit beare,
That hath no bounds, but flieth every where.
Why should we seeke to make that soule a slave,
To which dame Nature so large freedome gaue.
Amongst vs men, there is some difference,
Of actions rearmed by vs good or ill:
As he that doth his father recompence,
Differs from him that doth his father kill,
And yet I thinke thynke other what they will,
That Parricides, when death hath given them rest,
Shall haue as good a part as the rest.
And that is iust nothing, for as I suppose
In deaths voyd kingdome raignes eternall night:
Secure of evill, and secure of foes,
Where nothing doth the wicked man affright,
No more then him that dies in doing right.
Then since in death nothing shall to vs fall,
Here while I liue, Ile haue a snatch at all.
And that can never, never be attaingd,
Vnlesse old *Baiazet* do die the death:
For long enough the gray-beard now hath raignyd,
And liu'd at ease, while others liu'd vneath.
And now its time he should resigne his breath.
T'were good for him if he were presled out,
T'would bring him rest, and rid him of his gout.
Resolu'd to do it, cast to compasse it
Without delay or long procratination:
It argueth an vnmannered wit,
When all is readie for so strong inuasion,
To draw out tyme, an vnlookt for mutation
May soone preuent vs if we do delay,
Quick speed is good, vvhile vvisedome leades the
Occyptus (vvay:

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Occhi. My Lord.
Sel. Lo flic boy to my father *Bauazet*,
And tell him *Selim* his obedient sonne,
Desires to speake with him and kispe his hands,
Tell him I long to see his gratiouse face,
And that I come with all my chivalrie,
To chasse the Christians from his Seigniorie:
In any wise say I must speake with him.

Exit Occhiali.

Now *Sinam* if I speed.

Sinam. What then my Lord?
Sel. What then? why *Sinam* thou art nothing woorth,
I will endeuour to persuade him man,
To give the Empire ouer vnto me,
Perhaps I shall attaine it at his hands:
If I cannot, this right hand is resolu'd,
To end the period with a fatall stabbe.

Sin. My gratiouse Lord, giue *Sinam* leue to speake,
If you resolute to worke your fathers death,
You venture life: thinke you the Lannistaries
Will suffer you to kill him in their sight,
And let you passe free without punishment?

Sel. If I resolute? as sure as heauen is heauen,
I meane to see him dead, or my selfe King:
As for the *Bassies* they are all my friends,
And I am sure would pawne their dearest blood,
That *Selim* might be Emperour of Turkes.

Sin. Yet *Acomar* and *Coric* both suruive,
To be reuenged for their fathers death.

Sel. *Sinam* if they or twentie such as they,
Had twentie seuerall Armies in the field,
If *Selimus* were once your Emperour,
Ide dart abroad the thunderbolts of warre,
And mow their hartlesse squadrons to the ground.

Sin. Oh yet my Lord after your highnesse death,
There is a hell and a reuenging God.

Sel. True

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Seli. Tush *Sinam* these are schoole conditions,
To feare the diuell or his cursed damme :
Thinkest thou I care for apparitions,
Of *Sisiphus* and of his backward stone,
And poore *Ixions* lamentable mone ?
Now I thinke the caue of damned ghoasts,
Is but a tale to terrifie yoong babes :
Like diuels faces scor'd on painted poafts,
Or fained circles in our astrolabes.
Why theirs no difference when we are dead,
And death once come, then all alike are sped.
Or if there were, as I can scarce beleue,
A heauen of ioy, and hell of endlesse paine :
Yet by my soule it neuer should me greeue :
So I might on the Turkish Empire raigne,
To enter hell, and leane on faire heauens gaine.
An Empire *Sinam*, is so sweete a thing,
As I could be a diuell to be a King.
But go we Lords and solace in our campe,
Till the returne of young *Occbiali*,
And if his answere be to thy desire,
Selim thy minde in kingly thoughts attire.

Exenut. All.

Enter *Baiazet*, *Mustaffa*, *Cherscoli*, *Occbiali*, and
the lanissaries.

Bai. Euen as the great *Ægyptian Crocodile*,
Wanting his prae, with artificiall teares,
And fained plaints his subtil tongue doth file,
To entrap the silly wandring traueller,
And moue him to aduance his footing neare,
That when he is in danger of his clawes,
He may devoure him with his famished iawes,
So plaieth craftie *Selimus* with me,
Hi haughtie thoughts I'll wait on Diadems,
And not a step but treads to maiestie.

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The Phoenix gazeth on the Suns bright beames,
The Echinæis swimmes against the streames.
Nought but the Turkish scepter can him please,
And there I know lieth his chiefe disease.
He sends his messenger to craue accessse,
And saies he longs to kisse my aged hands,
But howsoeuer he in shew professe,
His meaning with his words but weakly stands.
And sooner will the Syrie boylng lands,
Become a quiet roade for fleeting shippes,
Then Selimus heart agree with Selimus shippes,
Too well I know the Crocodiles fained teares,
Are but nettes wherein to catch his pray,
Which who so mou'd with foolish pitie heares,
Will be the authour of his owne decay,
Then hie thee Baizet from hence away,
A fawning monster is false Selimus,
Whose fairest words are most pernicious,
Yoong man, would Selim come and speake with vs,
What is his message to vs, canst thou tell?

Occhi. He craues my Lord, another seigniorie,
Nearer to you and to the Christians,
That he may make them know, that Selimus
Is borne to be a scourge vnto them all.

Baizet. Hee's born to be a scourge to me & mine,
He never would haue come with such an hoast,
Vnlesse he meant my state to undermine,
What though in word he brauely seeine to boast,
The forraging of all the Christian coast,
Yet we haue cause to feare when burning brands,
Are vainly giuen into a mad mans hands,
Well I must seeme to winke at his desire,
Although I see it plainer then the light,
My lenitie addes fuel to his fire,
Which now begins to breake in flashing bright,
Then Baizet challice his stubborne spright.

Leare

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes. IT

Least these small sparkles grow to such a flame,
As shall consume thee and thy houses name.
Alasse I spare when all my store is gone,
And thrust my sickle where the corne is reapt,
In vaine I send for the phisition,
When on the patient is his graue dust heapt.
In vaine, now all his veines in verome sleep
Breake out in blisters that will poysone vs,
VVe seeke to giue him an **Antidotus**.
He that will stop the brooke, must then begin
VVhen sommers heate hath dried vp his spring,
And when his pittering streames are low & thin,
For let the winter aide vnto him bring,
He growes to be of watry floading the King.
And though you dam hym vp with hastie rankes,
Yet will he quickly ouerflow his bankes.
Messenger, go and tell yoong **Selimus**,
We giue to him all great **Samandria**,
Bordring on **Bulgaria** and **Hungaria**,
Where he may plague those Christian runnages,
And salue the wounds that they haue giuen our states,
Cherseo. Go and prouide a gift,
A roiall present for my **Selimus**,
And tell him messenger another time
He shall haue talke inough with **Batazet**.

Exeunt Cherseo and Occhiali.

And now what counsell giues **Mustaffa** to vs?
I feare this hastie reckoning will vrndo vs.

Must. Make haste my Lord from **Andrinople** walles,
And let vs flie to faire **Bizantium**,
Leaft if your sonne before you take the towne,
He may with little labour winne the crowne.

Baia. Then do so good **Mustaffa**, call our gard,
And gather all our warlike Janissaries,
Our chiefest ayd is swift celeritie,
Then let our winged coursers tread the winde,

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And leaue rebellious *Selimus* behinde.

Exeunt. *All*

Enter *Selimus, Sinam, Occhiali, Ottante,*
and their scouldiers.

Selim. And is his answere so *Occhiali*?
Is *Selim* such a corsie to his heart,
That he cannot endure the sight of him?
Forsooth he giues thee all *Samaria*,
From whence our mightie Emperour *Mahomet*,
Was driuen to his country backe with shame.
No doubt thy father loues thee *Selimus*,
To make thee Regent of so great a land,
Which is not yet his owne: or if it were,
What dangers wayt on him that should it stere.
Here the *Polonian* he comes hurtling in,
Vnder the conduct of some forraine prince,
To fight in honour of his crucifix!
Here the *Hungarian* with his bloodie crosse,
Deales blowes about to win *Belgrade* againe.
And after all, forsooth *Basilus*
The mightie Emperour of *Russia*,
Sends in his troupes of slauē-borne *Muscowitzes*,
And he will share with vs, or else take all.
In giuing such a land so full of strife,
His meaning is to rid me of my life.
Now by the dreaded name of *Termagant*,
And by the blackest brooke in loathsome hell,
Since he is so vnnaturall to me,
I will prooue as vnnaturall as he.
Thinks he to stop my mouth with gold or pearle?
Or rustie iades fet from *Barbaria*?
No let his minion his philosopher,
Corscut and *Acomat* be enrich'd with them.
I will not take my rest, till this right hand
Hath puld the Crowne from off his cowards head,

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And on the ground his bastards gore-blood shhead:
Nor shall his flight to old *Bizantium*,
Dismay my thoughts which neuer learnd to stoup.
March *Sinam*, march in order after him:
Were his light steeds as swift as *Pegasus*,
And trode the ayrie pauement with their heeles,
Yet *Selimus* would ouertake them soone.
And though the heauens do nere so crostly frowne,
In spight of heauen shall *Selim* weare the crowne.

Exeunt.

Alarum within. Enter *Baizet*, *Mustaffa*, *Cherseoli* and the
Janissaries, at one doore. *Selimus*, *Sinam*, *Otrante*, *Occhia-
li*, and their souldiers at another.

Baia. Is this thy durie sonne vnto thy father,
So impiously to leuell at his life?
Can thy soule wallowing in ambitious mire,
Seeke for to reave that brest with bloudie knife,
From whence thou hadst thy being *Selimus*?
Was this the end for which thou ioyndst thy selfe,
With that mischieuous traytor *Ramirchan*?
Was this thy drift to speake with *Baizet*?
Well hoped I (but hope I see is vaine)
Thou would haue bene a comfoit to mine age,
A scourge and terrour to mine enemies,
That this thy comming with so great an hoast,
Was for no other purpose and intent,
Then for to chasfise those base Christians
Which spoile my subiects welth with fire & sword
Well hoped I the rule of *Trebisond*,
Would haue increasde the valour of thy minde,
To turne thy strength vpon thy Persians.
But thou like to a craftie *Polipus*,
Doest turne thy hungry iawes vpon thy selfe,
For what am I *Selimus* but thy selfe?

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VVhen courage first crept in thy manly brest,
Hnd thou beganst to rule the martiall sword,
How oft said thou the sun shuld change his course,
VVater should turn to earth, & earth to heauen,
Ere thou wouldest prooue disloyall to thy father.
O *Titan* turne thy breathlesse coursers backe,
And enterprise thy iourny from the East.
Blush *Selim* that the world should say of thee,
That by my death thou gaidst the Imperie.

Sel. Now let my cause be pleaded *Baazet*,
For father I disdaine to call thee now :
I tooke not Armes to seaze vpon thy crowne,
For that if once thou hadst bene layd in graue,
Should sit vpon the head of *Selimus*
In spight of *Corcus* and *Acomat*.
I tooke not Armes to take away thy lise,
The remnant of thy dayes is but a span,
And foolish had I bene to enterprize
That which the gout and death would do for me.
I tooke not armes to shed my brothers blood,
Because they stop my passage to the crowne.
For whiile thou liuest *Selimus* is content
That they shuld live, but when thou once art dead
VVich of them both dares *Selimus* withstand ?
I soone shoulde hew their bodies in peecemeale,
As easie as a man woulde kill a gnat.
But I tooke armes vnto honour thee,
And wimme againe the fame that thou hast lost,
And thou thoughtst scorne *Selim* shoulde speake with thee.
But had it bene your darling *Acomat*,
You woulde haue met him half the way your selfe.
I am a Prince, and though your yoonger sonne,
Yet are my meerts better then both theirs:
But you do seeke to disinherite me,
And meane t'inuest *Acomat* with your crowne.
So he shal haue a princes due reward,

That

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

That cannot shew a scarre receiu'd in field,
VVe that haue fought with mighty *Prester John*,
And stript th' *Ægyptian* soldan of his camp,
Venturing life and liuing to honour thee,
For that same cause shall now dishonour'd be.

Art thou a father? Nay false *Baizet*
Disclaime the title which thou doest not merit.
A father would not thus flee from his sonne,
As thou doest flee from loyall *Selimus*.
A father would not injure thus his sonne,
As thou doest injure loyall *Selimus*.
Then *Baizet* prepare thee to the fight,
Selimus once thy sonne, but now thy foe,
VVill make his fortunes by the sword,
And since thou fear'st as long as I do liue,
Ile also feare, as long as thou doest liue.

Exi Selim and his company.

Ba. My heart is ouerwhelm'd with fear & grief,
VVhat dismall Comet blazed at my birth,
VVhole influence makes my strong vnbrideled
In steed of loue to render hate to me? (sonnes
Ah Bassaies if that ever heretofore
Your Emperour ought his safetie vnto you,
Defend me now gainst my vnnaturall sonne:
Non timeo mortem: mortis mibi displicer auctor.

Exit Baizet and his company.

Alarum, Mustaffa beate Selimus in, then Ottante
and *Cherseols* enter at diuerse doores.

Cherse. Yeeld thee Tartarian or thou shalt die,
Vpon my swords sharpe point standeth pale death
Readie to rive in two thy caitiue brest.

Ott. Art thou that knight that like a lion fierce,
Tiring his stomacke on a flocke of lambes,
Hast broke our rankes & put them cleane to flight?

Cherse.

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Cherse. I and vnlesse thou looke vnto thy selfe,
This swoord nere drunke in the *Tartarian* blood,
Shall make thy carkasse as the outcast dung.

Otrane. Nay I haue matcht a brauer knight then you,
Strong *Alemphae* thy maisters eldest sonne,
Leauing his bodie naked on the plaines,
And *Turke*, the selfesaine end for thee remaines.

They fight. He killeth *Cherseoli*, and flieth.

Alarum, enter *Selimus*.

Selim. Shall *Selmis* hope be buried in the dust?
And *Baiaze* triumph ouer his fall?
Then oh thou blindfull mistresse of mischiap,
Chiefe pratronesse of *Rhamus* golden gates,
I will aduance my strong reuenging hand,
And plucke thee from thy euerturning wheele.
Mars, or *Minerva*, *Mabound*, *Termagaunt*,
Or who so ere you are that fight gainst me,
Come and but shew your selues before my face,
And I will rend you all like trembling reedes.
Well *Baiaze* though Fortune smile on thee,
And decke thy campe with glorious victorie,
Though *Selimus* now conquered by thee,
Is faine to put his safetie in swift flight:
Yet so he flies, that like an angry ramme,
Heele turne more fiercely then before he came.

Exit *Selimus*.

Enter *Baiaze*, *Mustaffa*, the souldier with the
bodie of *Cherseoli*, and *Otrante*
prisoner.

Baia. Thus haue we gaind a bloodie victorie,
And though we are the maisters of the field,
Yet haue we lost more then our enemies:
Ah lucklesse fault of my *Cherseoli*,
As deare and dearer wert thou vnto me,
Then any of my sonnes, then mine owne selfe.
When I was glad, thy heart was full of ioy,

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And brauely hast thou died for *Baizet*.
And though thy bloudlesse bodie here do lie,
Yet thy sweet soule in heauen for euer blest,
Among the starres enioyes eternall rest.
What art thou warlike man of *Tartarie*,
Whose hap it is to be our prisoner?

Otrran. I am a prince, *Otrran* is my name,
Chiefe captaine of the *Tartars* mightie host.

Ba. *Otrran*? Wast not thou that slew my son?

Otrran. I, and if fortune had but fauour'd me,
Had sent the sire to keepe him company.

Ba. Off with his head and spoyle him of his **Armes**,
And leaue his bodie for the ayrie birds.

Exit one with Otrran.

The vnuenged ghost of *Alemphae*,
Shall now no more wander off *Stygan banks*,
But rest in quiet in th' *Elysian fields*.
Mustaffa, and you worthie men at **Armes**,
That left not *Baizet* in greatest need,
When we arriue at *Constantines* great **Tour**,
You shalbe honour'd of your Emperour.

Exit all.

*Enter Acomat Visir, Regan, and a band of
souldiers.*

Aco. Perhaps you wonder why prince *Acomat*,
Delighting heretofore in foolish loue,
Hath chang'd his quiet to a souldiers state:
And turnd the dulcet tunes of *Himens* song,
Into *Bellonas* horrible outries,
You thinke it strange, that whereas I haue liu'd,
Almost a votarie to wantonnesse,
To see me low laie off effeminate robes,
And arme my bodie in an iron wall.
I haue enjoyed quiet long enough,
And surfeted with pleasures superfluite,
A field of dainties I haue passed through,

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And bene a champion to faire *Cytheree*.
Now since this idle peace hath weerie me,
Ile follow *Mars* and warre another while,
And die my shield in dolorous vermeil.
My brother *Selim* through his manly deeds,
Hath lifted vp his fame vnto the skies,
While we like earth wormes lurking in the weeds,
Do liue inglorious in all mens eyes.
What lets me then from this vaine slumber rise,
And by strong hand atchieue eternall glorie,
That may be talkt of in all memorie?
And see how fortune fauours mine intent,
Heard you not Lordings, how prince *Selimus*
Against our royll father armed went,
And how the Ianissaries made him flee
To *Ramir* Emperour of *Tartarie*?
This his rebellion greatly profites me,
For I shall sooner winne my fathers munde,
To yeeld me vp the Turkish Empire,
Which if I haue, I am sure I shall finde
Strong enemies to pull me downe againe,
That faine would haue prince *Selimus* to raigne.

Then ciuill discord, and contentious warre,
Will follow *Acomais* coronation.

Selim no doubt will broach seditious iarde,
And *Cercus* too will seeke for alteration,
Now to preuent all suddaine perturbation,
We thought it good to muster vp our powr,
That danger may not take it vnprouided.

Visir. I like your highnesse resolution well,
For these should be the chiefe arts of a king,
To punish those that furiously rebell,
And honour those that sacred counsell bring,
To make good lawes, ill customes to expell;
To nourish peace from whence your riches spring,
And when good quarrels call you to the field.

T' excell

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

T' excell your men in handling speare & shield.
Thus shall the glory of your matchlesse name,
Be registred vp in immortall lines:
Whereas that prince that followes lustfull game,
And to fond toyes his captiue minde enclines,
Shall neuer passe the temple of true fame,
Whose worth is greater then the *Indian* mines.
But is your grace assured certainly
That *Baizet* doth fauour your request?
Perhaps you may make him your enemie,
You know how much your father doth detest,
Stout obedience and obstinacie.
I speake not this as if I thought it best:
Your highnesse should your right in it neglect,
But that you might be close and circumspect.

Aco. We thanke thee *Visir* for thy louing care,
As for my father *Baaizets* affection,
Vnlesse his holy vowes forgotten are,
I shall be sure of it by his election.
By after *Acomats* erection,
We must forecast what things be necessary,
Least that our kingdome be too momentary.

Reg. First let my Lord be seated in his throne,
Enstalled by great *Baizets* consent,
As yet your haruest is not fully growne,
But in the greene and vnripe blade is pent:
But when you once haue got the regiment,
Then may your Lords more easily prouide,
Against all accidents that may betide.

Acomat. Then set we forward to *Bizantium*,
That we may know what *Baizet* intends.
Aduise thee *Acomat*, whats best to do,
The Ianissaries fauour *Selimus*,
And they are strong vndanted enemies,
Which will in Armes against thy election rise.
Then will them to thy wil with precious gifts,

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And store of gold: timely largition
The stedfast persons from their purpose lifts:
But then beware least *Baiazet's* affection
Change into hatred by such premunition.
For then he thinke that I am factious,
And imitate my brother *Selimus*.
Besides, a prince his honour doth debase,
That begs the common souldiers suffrages,
And if the Bassaes knew I sought their grace,
It would the more increase their insolentnesse.
To resist them were overhardinesse,
And worse it were to leaue my enterprize.
Well how so ere, resolute to venture it,
Fortune doth fauour euery bold assay,
And t'were a trick of an vnsettled wit
Because the bees haue stings with them alway,
To fare our mouthes in honie to embay.
Then resolution for me leades the dance,
And thus resolu'd, I meane to trie my chance.

Exeunt all.

Enter *Baiazet, Mustaffa, Calibassa, Halibassa,*
and the Janissaries.

Baiazet. What prince so ere, trustis to his mightie pow'r,
Ruling the reines of many nations,
And feareth not least fickle fortune loure,
Ar thinkes his kingdome free from alterations,
If he were in the place of *Baiazet*,
He would but little by his scepter set.
For what hath rule that makes it acceptable,
Rather what hath it not worthie of hate:
First of all is our state still mutable,
And our continuance at the peoples rate,
So that it is a slender thred, whereon
Depends the honour of a princes throne.
Then do we feare, more then the child new borne,

Our

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Our friends, our Lords, our subiects, & our sonnes.

Thus is our minde in sundry pieces tornē

By care, by feare, suspition, and distrust,

In wine, in meate we feare pernicious poyson,

At home, abroad, we feare seditious treason.

Too true that tyrant *Dionysius*

Did picture out the image of a King,

When *Daniocles* was placed in his throne,

And ore his head a threatening sword did hang,

Fastned vp onely by a horses haire.

Our chiefest trut is secretly distrust,

For whom haue we whom we may safely trust,

If our owne sonnes, neglecting awfull dutie,

Rise vp in Armes against their louing fathers.

Their heart is all of hardest marble wrought,

That can laie wayt to take away their breath,

From whom they first sucked this vitall ayre.

My heart is heauie, and I needs must sleepe.

Bassies withdraw your selues from me awhile,

That I may rest my curburnded soule.

They stand aside while the curtins are drawne.

Eunuchs plaie me some musicke while I sleepe.

Musicke within,

Must. Good Baizet, who would not pitie thee,

Whom thine owne sonne so vildly persecutes.

More mildly do th'vnreasonables beasts

Deale with their daffmes, then *Selimus* with thee.

Halibas. *Mustaffa* we are princes of the land,

And loue our Emperout as well as thou:

Yet will we not for pityng his estate,

Suffer our foes our wealth to ruinate.

If *Selim* haue playd false with *Baizet*,

And ouerslipt the dutie of a sonne,

Why he was mou'd by iust occasion.

Did he not humbly send his messenger

To craue accessē vnto his maestic?

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And yet he could not get permission
To kisse his handes, and speake his mind to him.
Perhaps he thought his aged fathers loue
Was cleane estrang'd from him : and *Acomas*
Should reape the fruite that he had laboured for.
Tis lawfull for the father to take Armes,
I and by death chastize his rebell sonne.
Why should it be vnlawfull for the sonne,
To leauie Armes against his iniurious ffeire ?

Must. You reason *Hal* like a sophister.
As ift were lawfull for a subiect prince
To rise in Armes against his soueraigne,
Because he will not let him haue his will :
Much lessle ist lawfull for a mans owne sonne.
If *Baiazer* had iniur'd *Selimus*,
Or sought his death, or done him some abuse,
Then *Selimus* cause had bene more tollerable.
But *Baiazer* did neuer iniure him,
Nor sought his death, nor once abused him,
Vnlesse because he giues him not the crowne,
Being the yoongest of his highnesse sonnes.
Gauē he not him an Empire for his part,
The mightie Empire of great *Trebisond* ?
So that if all things rightly be obseru'd,
Selim had more then euer he deseru'd.
I speake not this because I hate the prince,
For by the heauens I loue yoong *Selimus*,
Better then either of his brethren.
But for I owe alleagiance to my king,
And loue him much that faours me so much.
Mustaffa, while old *Baiazer* doth liue,
Will be as true to him as to himselfe.

Cali. Why braue *Mustaffa*, *Hal* and my selfe
Were neuer false vnto his maiestie.
Our father *Hal* died in the field,
Against the *Sophi*, in his highnesse warres.

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And we will neuer be degenerate.
Nor do we take part with prince *Selimus*,
Because we would depose old *Baizet*,
But for because we would not *Acomas*
That leads his life still in lasciuious pompe,
Nor *Cercut*, though he be a man of woorth,
Should be commander of our Empire.
For he that neuer saw his foes mans face,
But alwaies slept vpon a Ladies lap,
Will scant endure to lead a souldiers life.
And he that neuer handled but his penne,
Will be vnskilfull at the warlike lance.
Indeed his wisedome well may guide the crowne,
And keepe that safe his predecessors got :
But being giuen to peace as *Cercut* is,
He neuer will enlarge the Empire:
So that the rule and power ouer vs,
Is onely fit for valiant *Selimus*.

Must. Princes, you know how mightie *Baizet*
Hath honoured *Mustaffa* with his loue.
He gaue his daughter beautious *Solima*,
To be the soueraigne mistresse of my thoughts.
He made me captaine of the Ianissaries,
And too vnnaturall should *Mustaffa* be,
To rise against him in his dying age.
Yet know, you warlike peere, *Mustaffa* is
A loyall friend vnto prince *Selimus*,
And ere his other brethren get the crowne,
For his sake, I my selfe will pull them downe.
I loue, I loue them dearly, but the loue
Which I do beare vnto my countries good,
Makes me a friend to noble *Selimus*,
Onely let *Baizet* while he doth liue,
Enjoy in peace the Turkish Diademe.
When he is dead, and layd in quiet graue,
Then none but *Selimus* our helpe shall haue.

Sound

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Sound within. A Messenger enters, *Baiazer* awaketh.

Bai. How now Mustaffa, what newes haue we there?
Is Selim vp in Armes gainst me againe?
Or is the Sophi entred our confines?
Hath the Ægyptian snatch'd his crowne againe?
Or haue the vncontrolled Christians
Vnsheathe'd their swords to make more war on vs?
Such newes, or none will come to *Baiazer*.

*Must. My gratioues Lord, heres an Embassadour
Come from your sonne the Soldan *Acomat*.*

*Bai. From *Acomat*? oh let him enter in.*

Enter *Regian*.
Embassadour, how fares our louing sonne?

*Reg. Mightie commander of the warlike Turks,
Acomat Souldane of *Amasia*,
Greeteth your grace by me his messenger.*

He gives him a Letter.
And gratulates your hignesse good successe,
Wishing good fortune may befall you still.

Bai. Mustaffa reader.
He gives the letter to *Mustaffa*, and speaks the

rest to himselfe.
Acomat craues thy promise *Baiazer*,

To give the Empire vp into his hands,
And make it sure to him in thy life time.

And thou shalt haue it louely *Acomat*,
For I haue bene encumbered long enough,

And vexed with the cares of kingly rule,
Now let the trouble of the Empirie

Be buried in the bosome of thy sonne.
Ah *Acomat*, if thou haue such a raigne

So full of sorrow as thy fathers was,
Thou wilt curse the time, the day and houre,

In which thou was establish'd Emperour.

Sound. A Messenger from *Circassia*.

Yet

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Yet more newes? *to the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Mess. Long liue the mighty Emperor *Baizet,* *and his*
*Corkut the Soldan of *Magnesia,* bringynge his myghty host *h*
*Hearing of *Selims* worthie overthrow,* *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
*And of the comming of yoong *Acomat,* *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Doth certifie your maiestie by me, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
How ioyfull he is of your victorie, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
And therewithall he humbly doth require *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Your grace would do him iustice in his cause, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
His brethren both, unworthie such a father, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Do seeke the Empire while your grace doth liue, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
And that by vndirect sinister meane, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
But *Corkut*is mind free from ambitious thoughts, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
And trusting to the goodnessse of his cause, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Ioyned vnto your highnesse tender loue, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Onely desires your grace should not iuu. *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Selim nor *Acomat*, in the Diademe, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Which appertaineth vnto him by right, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
But keepe it to your selfe the while you liue; *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
And when it shall the great creator please, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Who hath the spirits of all men in his hands, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Shall call your highnesse to your latest home, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Then will he also sue to haue his right. *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.***

Baia. Like to a shipp sayling without starres, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Whom waues do tosse one way and winds another, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Both without ceasing: even so my poore heart *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Endures a combat betwixt loue and right. *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
The loue I beare to my deare *Acomat,* *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Commands me give my suffrage vnto him, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
But *Corkut* title, being my eldest sonne, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Bids me recall my hand, and give it him. *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Acomat, he would haue it in my life, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
But gentle *Corkut* like a louing sonne, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Desires me liue and die an Emperour, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
And at my death bequeath my crowne to him. *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*
Ah *Corkut* thou I see lou' st me indeed, *the dawne of the mornynge vniuersit.*

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Selimus sought to thrust me downe by force,
And *Acomar* seekes the kingdome in my life,
And both of them are grieu'd thou liu'st so long.
But *Corcus* numbreth not my dayes as they,
O how much dearer loues he me then they.
Bassae, how counsell you your Emperour?

Must. My gratiouse Lord, my self wil speake for al,
For all I know are minded as I am.
Your highnesse knowes the Ianissaries loue,
How firme they meane to cleave to your behest,
As well you might perceiue in that sad fight,
When *Selim* set vpon you in your flight.
Then we do all desire you on our knees,
To keepe the crowne and scepter to your selfe.
How grieuous will it be vnto your thoughts,
If you should giue the crowne to *Acomar*,
To see the brethren disinherited,
To flesh their anger one vpon another,
And rend the bowels of this mightie raigne.
Suppose that *Corcus* would be well content,
Yet thinkes your grace if *Acomar* were king,
That *Selim* ere long would ioine league with him?
Nay he would breake from forth his *Trebisond*,
And waste the Empire all with fire and sword.
Ah then too weake would be poore *Acomar*,
To stand against his brothers puissance,
Or saue himselfe from his enhanced hand.
While *Ismael* and the cruell Persians,
And the great Soldane of th'Egyptians,
Would sinile to see our force dismembred so,
I and perchance the neighbour Christians
Would take occasion to thrust out their heads.
All this may be preuented by your grace,
If you will yeeld to *Corcus* iust request,
And keepe the kingdome to you while you liue,
Meane time we that your graces subiects are,

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

May make vs strong, to fortifie the man,
Whō at your death your grace shal chuse as king.

Baia. O how thou speakest euer like thy selfe,
Loyall *Mustaffa*: well were *Baiazen*

If all his sonnes, did beare such loue to him.

Though loth I am longer to weare the crowne,
Yet for I see it is my subiects will,

Once more will *Baiazen* be Emperour.

But we must send to pacifie our sonne,
Or he will storne, as earst did *Selimus*.

Come let vs go vnto our councell Lord,
And there consider what is to be done.

Exeunt All.

Enter *Acomat*, *Regan*, *Visir*, and his souldiers. *Acomat*
must read a letter, and then renting it say:

Aco. Thus will I rend the crowne from off thy head,
False hearted and iniurious *Baiazen*,
To mocke thy sonne that loued thee so deare.
What: for because the head-strong Ianissaries
Would not consent to honour *Acomat*,
And their base Bassaes vow'd to *Selimus*,
Thought me vnworthie of the Turkish crowne,
Should he be rul'd and ouerrul'd by them,
Vnder pretence of keeping it himselfe,
To wipe me cleane for euer being king?
Doth he esteeme so much the Bassaes words,
And prize their fauour at so high a rate,
That for to gratifie their stubborne mindes,
He casts away all care, and all respects
Of dutie, promise, and religious oathes?
Now by the holy Prophet *Mahomet*,
Chief president and patron of the Turkes,
I meane to chalenge now my right by Armes,
And winne by sword that glorious dignitie
Which he iniuriously detaines from me.

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Haply he thinkes because that *Selimus*
Rebutted by his warlike Janissaries,
Was faine to flie in hast from whence he came:
That *Acomat* by his example mou'd,
Will feare to manage Armes against his fire.
Or that my lite forspassed in pleasures court,
Promises weake resistance in the fight:
But he shall know that I can vse my sword,
And like a lyon seaze vpon my pracie.
If euer *Selimus* mou'd him heretofore,
Acomat meanes to mooue him ten times more.

Visir. T'were good your grace woulde to *Amasia*,
And there increase your camp with fresh supply.

Aco. *Visir,* I am impatient of delaie,
And since my father hath incenst me thus,
Ile quēch those kindled flames with his hart blood.
Not like a sonne, but a most cruell foe,
Will *Acomat* henceforth be vnto him.
March to *Natolia*, there we will begin
And make a preface to our massacres.
My nephew *Mahomet* sonne to *Alemphae*,
Departed lately from *Iconium*,
Is lodged there, and he shall be the first
Whom I will sacrifice vnto my wrath.

Exeunt All.

Enter the yoong Prince *Mahomet*, the *Bellerbey* of
Natolia, and one or two souldiers.

Maho. Lord Gouernour, what thinke you best to doo?
If we receiuie the Souldaine *Acomat*,
Who knoweth not but his blood-thirstie sword
Shall be embowell'd in our country-men.
You know he is displeasde with *Basazer*,
And will rebell, as *Selimus* did to fore,
And woulde to God with *Selimus* ouerthrow.
You know his angrie heart hath vow'd revengence
On all the subiects of his fathers land.

Bellerbey.

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Bel. Yoong prince, thy vncle seekes to haue thy life,
Because by right the Turkish crowne is thine,
Sauē thou thy selfe by flight or otherwise,
And we will make resistance as we can.
Like an Armenian tygre, that hath lost
Her loued whelpes, so raueth *Acomat*:
And we must be subiect to his rage,
But you may liue to venge your citizens.
Then flie good prince before your vncle come.

Maho. Nay good my Lord, neuer shall it be said
That *Mahomet* the sonne of *Alemshae*,
Fled from his citizens for feare of death,
But I will staie, and helpe to fight for you,
And if you needs must die, ile die with you.
And I among the rest with forward hand,
Will helpe to kill a common enemie.

Exeunt All.

Enter *Acomat*, *Visir*, *Regan*, and the souldiers.

Aco. Now faire *Natolia*, shall thy stately walles
Be ouerthrowne and beaten to the ground.
My heart within me for reuenge still calles.
Why *Baiazen*, thought'ſt thou that *Acomat*
Would put vp such a monstrous iniurie?
Then had I brought my chualrie in vaine;
And to no purpose drawne my conquering blade,
VVhich now vnsheath'd, shal not be sheath'd againe,
Till it a world of bleeding soules hath made.
Poore *Mahomet*, thou thought'ſt thy selfe too ſure,
In thy ſtrong citie of *Iconium*,
To plant thy Forces in *Natolia*,
VVeakned ſo much before by *Selims* ſwoord.
Summon a parley to the citizens,
That they may heare the dreadfull words I ſpeak,
And die in thought before they come to blowes.

All. A parley *Mahomet*, *Belierbey*, and ſouldiers
on the walles.

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Maho. What craues our vncle *Acomat* of vs?

Aco. That thou & all the citie yeeld themselues,
Or by the holie rites of *Mahomet*
His wondrous tomb, and sacred *Alcoran*,
You all shall die: and not a common death,
But euен as monstrosous as I can devise.

Maho. Vnkle, if I may call you by that name,
Which cruelly hunt for your nephewes blood,
You do vs wrong thus to besiege our towne,
That nere deseru'd such hatred at your hands,
Being your friends and kinsmen as we are.

Aco. In that thou wrongst me that thou art my kinsman.

Maho. Why for I am thy nephew doest thou frowne?

Aco. I that thou art so neare vnto the crowne.

Maho. Why vncle I resigne my right to thee,
And all my title were it nere so good.

Aco. Wilt thou: then know assuredly from me,
Ile seale the resignation with thy blood:
Though *Alemshae* thy father lou'd me well,
Yet *Mahomet* thy sonne shall downe to hell.

Mah. Why vncle doth my life put you in feare?

Aco. It shall not nephew, since I haue you here.

Maho. VVhen I am dead, mote hindrers shal thou finde.

Acom. VVhen ones cut off, the fewer are behinde.

Maho. Yet thinke the gods do beare an equall eye.

Aco. Faith if they all were squint-cy'd, what care I.

Maho. Then *Mahomet* know we will rather die,
Then yeeld vs vp into a tyrants hand.

Aco. Beshrew me but you be the wiser *Mahomet*,
For if I do but catch you boy aliue,
Twere better for you runne through Phlegiton.
Sirs seale the walles, and pull the caitiues downe,
I give to you the spoyle of all the towne.

Alarum. Scale the walles. Enter *Acomat*, *Visir*
and *Regan*, with *Mahomet*.

Acom. Now yoongster, you that braudst vs on the walles,
And

of Selimus,Emperour of the Tur kes.

And shooke your plumed crest against our shield,
VVhat wouldest thou giue,or what wouldest thou not giue,
That thou wert far inough from *Acomat*?

How like the villaine is to *Baizet*?

VVel nephew for thy father lou'd me well,
I will not deale extreemly with his sonne:
Then heare a briefe compendium of thy death.
Regan go cause a groue of steelehead speares,
Be pitched thicke vnder the castle wall,
And on them let this youthfull captaine fall.

Ma. Thou shalt not fear me *Acomat* with death,
Nor will I beg my pardon at thy hands.
But as thou giu'st me such a monstrous death,
So do I freely leauue to thee my curse:

Exit Regan with Mahomet.

Aco. O,that wil serue to fil my fathers purse.

Alarum. Enter a souldier with *Zonara*,sister
to *Mahomet*.

Zon. Ah pardon me deare vncle,pardon me.
Aco. No minion,you are too neare a kin to me.
Zon. If euer pitie entered thy brest,
Or euer thou wast touch'd with womans loue,
Sweete vncle spare wretched *Zonaras* life.
Thou once wast noted for a quiet prince,
Soft-hearted,mild, and gentle as a lambe,
Ah do not prooue a lyon vnto me.

Aco. VVhy would'st thou liue,when *Mahomet* is dead?

Ron. Ah who flew *Mahomet*? Vnkle did you?

Aco. He that's prepar'd to do as much for you.

Zon. Doest thou not pitie *Alembae* in me?

Aco. Yes that he wants so long thy companie.

Zon. Thou art not false groome son to *Baizet*,
He would relent to heare a woman weepe,
But thou wast borne in desart *Caucasus*,
And the *Hircanian* tygres gaue thee sucke,
Knowing thou wert a monster like them selues.

Acomat.

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Aco. Let you her thus to rate vs? Strangle her.

They strangle her.

Now scour the streets, and leue not one aliue

To carrie these sad newes to *Baizet*.

That all the citizens may dearly say,

This day was fatall to *Natolia*.

Exeunt All.

Enter *Baizet*, *Mustaffa*, and the *Ianissaries*.

Ba. *Mustaffa*, if my minde deceiue me not,
Some strange misfortune is not farre from me.
I was not wont to tremble in this sort.
Me thinkes I feele a cold run through my bones,
As if it haftned to surprize my heart,
Me thinkes some voice still whispereth in my eares
And bids me to take heed of *Acomat*.

Must. Tis but your highnesse ouercharged mind
VVhich feareth most the things it least desires.

Enter two souldiers with the *Belierbey* of *Natolia* in a chaire,
and the bodie of *Mahomet* and *Zonara*, in two coffins.

Ba. Ah sweet *Mustaffa*, thou art much deceiu'd,
My minde presages me some future harine,
And loe what dolefull exequie is here.
Our chiefe commander of *Natolia*?
VVhat caitiue hand is it hath wounded thee?
And who are these couered in tombblack hearse?

Bel. These are thy nephewes mightie *Baizet*,
The sonne and daughter of good *Alembae*,
VVhom cruell *Acomat* hath murdred thus.
These eyes beheld, when from an ayrie toure,
They hurld the bodie of yoong *Mahomet*,
VVhereas a band of armed souldiers,
Receiued him falling on their speares sharp points.
His sister poore *Zonara*,
Entreating life and not obtaining it,
VVas strangled by his barbarous souldiers.

Baizet falleth in a sownd, and being recovered sayeth

Baia.

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Baia. Oh you dispencers of our haplesse breath,
Why do you glut your eyes, and take delight
To see sad pageants of mens miseries?
Wherfore haue you prolong'd my wretched life,
To see my sonne my dearest *Acomat*,
To lift his hands against his fathers life?
Ah *Selimus*, now do I pardon thee,
For thou didst set vpon me manfully,
And mou'd by an occasion, though vniust,
But *Acomat*, iniurious *Acomat*,
Is tentimes more vnnaturall to me.
Haplesse *Zonara*, haplesse *Mahomet*,
The poore remainder of my *Alemshae*,
Which of you both shall *Batazer* most waile?
Ah both of you are worthie to be wailde.
Happily dealt the froward fates with thee,
Good *Alemshae*, for thou didst die in field,
And so preuentedst this sad spectacle,
Pitifull spectacle of sad dreeriment,
Pitifull spectacle of dismal death,
But I haue liu'd to see thee *Alemshae*,
By *Tartar* Pirates all in peeces torne.
To see yoong *Selims* disobedience.
To see the death of *Alemshae*s poore seed.
And last of all to see my *Acomat*
Prooue a rebellious enemie to me.

Bels. Ah cease your teares vnhappie Emperour,
And shead not all for your poore nephews death.
Six thousand of true-hearted citizens
In faire *Natolia*, *Acomat* hath slaine:
The channels run like riuerset of blood,
And I escap'd with this poore compande,
Bemangled and dismembred as you see,
To be the messenger of these sad newes.
And now mine eyes fast swimming in pale death,
Bids me resigne my breath vnto the heauens,

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Death stands before readie for to strike.
Farewell deare Emperour and reuenge our losse,
As euer thou doest hope for happiness. Hedies.

Baia. *Auernus* lawes and loathsome *Tanarus*,
From whence the damned ghoasts do often creep,
Back to the world to punish wicked men.
Black *Demogorgon*, grandfather of night,
Send out thy furies from thy firie hall,
The pitilesse *Erymnes* arm'd with whippes,
And all the damned monsters of black hell,
To powre their plagues on cursed *Acomas*.
How shall I mourne, or which way shall I turne
To powre my teares vpon my dearest friends?
Couldst thou endue false-hearted *Acomas*,
To kill thy nephew and thy sister *this*,
And wound to death so valiant a Lord?
And will you not you albeholding heauens,
Dart down on him your piercing lightning brand,
Enrold in sulphur, and consuming flames?
Ah do not *Ione*, *Acomas* is my sonne,
And may perhaps by counsell be reclaim'd,
And brought to filiall obedience.
Agathou art a man of peirant wit,
Go thou and talke with my sonne *Acomas*,
And see if he will any way relent.
Speake him faire *Aga*, least he kill thee too,
And we my Lords will in, and mourne awhile,
Ouer these princes lamentable tombs.

Exeunt all.

Enter *Acomas*, *Visir*, *Regan*, and their
souldiers.

Aco. As *Tityus* in the countrey of the dead,
With restlesse cries doth call vpon high *Tor*,
The while the vulture tugeth on his heart,
So *Acomas*, reuenge still graueth thy soule.
I think my selfe but to be only disordred *Agathou* in this

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

In sheading blood, and murthring innocents.
I thinke my wrath hath bene too patient,
Since ciuill blood quencheth not out the flames
Which *Baiazer* hath kindled in my heart.

Vifir. My gratiouse Lord, here is a messenger
Sent from your father the Emperour.

Enter *Aga*, and one with him.

Aco. Let him come in: *Aga* what newes with you?

Aga. Great Prince, thy father mightie *Baiazer*,
Wonders your grace whom he did loue so much,
And thought to leauie possessor of the crowne,
Would thus requite his loue with mortall hate,
To kill thy nephewes with reuenging sword,
And massacre his subiects in such sort.

Aco. *Aga*, my father traitrouse *Baiazer*,
Detaines the crowne iniuriously from me,
Which I will haue if all the world say nay.
I am not like the vnmanured land,
Which answeres not his honours greedie mind:
I sow not seeds vpon the barren land,
A thousand wayes can *Aco* at soone finde,
To gaine my will, which if I cannot gaine,
Then purple blood my angry hands shall staine.

Aga. *Aco* at, yet learne by *Selimus*,
That haftie purposes haue hated endes.

Aco. Tush *Aga*, *Selim* was not wise enough
To set vpon the head at the first brunt:
He should haue done as I do meane to do,
Fill all the confines, with fire, sword, and bloods,
Burne vp the fields, and ouerthrow whole townes,
And when he had endammaged that way,
The teare the old man peecemeale with my teeth,
And colour my strong hands with his gore-blood.

Aga. O see my Lord, how fell ambition
Deceiues your fences and bewitcyes you,
Could you vnkind performe so foule a deed.

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As all the man, that first gaue life to you?

Do you not feare the peoples aduerse fame?

Aco. It is the greatest glorie of a king

Whien, though his subiects hate his wicked deeds

Yet are they forst to beare them all with praise.

Aga. Whom feare constraines to praise their princes deeds,
That feare eternall hatred in them feeds.

Aco. He knowes not how to sway the kingly mace,

That loues to be great in his peoples grace:

The surest ground for kings to build vpon,

Is to be fear'd and curst of euery one.

What though the world of nations me hate?

Hate is peculiar to a princes state.

Aga. Where ther's no shame, no care of holy law,

No faith, no iustice, no integritie,

That state is full of mutabilitie.

Aco. Bare faith, pure vertue, poore integritie,

Are ornaments fit for a priuate man,

Beseemes a prince for to do all he can.

Aga. Yet know it is a sacrilegious will,

To sliae thy father were he nere so ill.

Aco. Tis lawfull gray-beard for to do to him,

What ought not to be done vnto a father.

Hath he not wip't me from the Turkish crowne?

Preferr'd he not the slubborne Ianizaries,

And heard the Bassaes stout petitioners,

Before he would giue care to my request?

As sure as day, mine eyes shall nere tast sleepe,

Before my sword haue ritten his perjur'd brest.

Aga. Ah let me never live to see that day,

Aco. Yes thou shalt live, but never see that day,

Wanting the tapers that should giue thee light:

Puls out his eyes.

Thou shalt not see so great felicitie,

When I shall rend out Baiatz's dimme eyes,

And by his death install my selfe a king.

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Aga. Ah cruell tyrant and vnmercifull,
More bloodie then the *Anthropomphagi*,
That fill their hungry stomachs with mans flesh.
Thou shouldest haue slaine me barbarous *Acomat*,
Not leauue me in so comfortlesse a life
To liue on earth, and neuer see the sunne.

Aco. Nay let him die that liueth at his ease,
Death would a wretched caitiue greatly please.

Aga. And thinkst thou then to scape vnpunished,
No *Acomat*, though both mine eyes be gone,
Yet are my hands left on to murther thee.

Aco. T'was wel remembred: *Regan* cut them off.
They cut of his hands and giue them *Acomat*.
Now in that sort go tell thy Emperour
That if himselfe had but bene in thy place,
I would haue vs'd him crueller then thee:
Here take thy hands: I know thou lou'st them wel.

Opens his bosome, and puts them in.
Which hand is this? right? or left? canst thou tell?

Aga. I know not which it is, but tis my hand.
But oh thou supreme archite^tt of all,
First mouer of those tenfold christall orbes,
Where all those mouing, and vnmouing eyes
Behold thy goodnesse everlastingly:
See, vnto thee I lift these bloudie armes,
For hands I haue not for to lift to thee,
And in thy iustice dart thy smouldring flame
Vpon the head of cursed *Acomat*.
Oh cruell heauens and iniurious fates,
Euen the last refuge of a wretched man,
Is tooke from me: for how can *Aga* weepe?
Or ruine a brinish shew'r of pearled teares?
Wanting the watry cesternes of his eyes?
Come lead me backe againe to *Baiazen*,
The wofullest, and sadd'ſt Embassadour
That euer was dispatch'd to any King.

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Aco. Why so, this musicke pleases **Acomat.**
And would I had my doating father here,
I would rip vp his breast, and rend his heart,
Into his bowels thrul my angry hands,
As willingly, and with as good a mind,
As I could be the Turkish Emperour.
And by the cleare declining vault of heauen,
Whither the soules of dying men do flee,
Either I meane to dye the death my selfe,
Or make that old false faitor bleed his last.
For death no sorrow could vnto me bring,
So **Acomat** might die the Turkish king.

Exeunt All.

Enter **Baiazet**, **Mustaffa**, **Cali**, **Hali**, and **Agaled**
by a souldier : who keeling before **Baiazet**,
and holding his legs shall say :

Aga. Is this the bodie of my soueraigne ?
Are these the sacred pillars that support
The image of true magnanimitie ?
Ah Baiazet, thy sonne false **Acomat**
Is full resolued to take thy life from thee :
Tis true, tis true, witnesse these handesse armes,
VVitnesse these emptie lodges of mine eyes,
VVitnesse the gods that from the highest heaven
Beheld the tyrant with remorcelesse heart,
Puld out mine eyes, and cut off my weakehands.
VVitnesse that sun whose golden coloured beames
Your eyes do see, but mine can nere behold :
VVitnesse the earth that sucked vp my blood,
Streaming in riuers from my tronked armes.
VVitnesse the present that he sends to thee,
Open my bosome, there you shall it see.

Mustaffa opens his bosome and takes out
his hands.

Those are the hands, which **Aga** once did vse,
To tosse the speare, and in a warlike gyre

To

of Selimus,Emperour of the Turkes.

To hurtle my sharpe sword about my head,
Those sends he to the wofull Emperour,
With purpose so cut thy hands from thee.
Why is my soueraigne silent all this while?

Ba. Ah Aga, Baiaz et faine would speak to thee,
But sodaine sorrow eateth vp my words.
Baiaz et Aga, faine would weepe for thee,
But cruell sorrow drieth vp my teares.
Baiaz et Aga, faine would die for thee,
But griefe hath weakned my poore aged hands.
How can he speake, whose tongue sorrow hath tide?
How can he mourne, that cannot shew a teare?
How shall he liue, that full of miserie
Calleth for death, which will not let him die?

Must. Let women weep, let children powre foot
And cowards spend the tyme in bootelesse mone.
Wee'l load the earth with such a mightie hoast
Of Ianizaries, sterne-borne sonnes of *Mars*,
That *Pheb* shall flie and hide him in the cloudes
For feare our iaelins thrust him from his waine.
Old *Aga* was a Prince among your Lords,
His Councels alwaies were true oracles,
And shall he thus vnmanly be misus'd,
And he vnpunished that did the deed?
Shall *Mahomet* and poore *Zorac* as ghoalts,
And the good gouernour of *Natala*
Wander in *Stygian* meadowes vntreueng'd?
Good Emperour stit vp thy manly heart,
And send forth all thy warlike Ianizaries
To chastise that rebellious *Acomat*,
Thou knowst we cannot fight without a guide,
And he must be one of the royll blood,
Sprung from the loines of mighty *Ottoman*,
And who remaines now, but yoong *Selimus*?
So please your grace to pardon his offence,
And make him right.

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Baia. I good *Mustaffa*, send for *Selimus*,
So I may be reueng'd I care not how,
The worst that can befall me is but death,
That would end my wofull miserie.

Selimus he must worke me this good turne,
I cannot kill my selfe, hee'l do't for me.
Come *Aga*, thou and I will weepe the while:
Thou for thy eyes and losse of both thy hands,
I for th'vnkindnesse of my *Acomat*.

Exeunt All.

Enter *Selimus*, and a messenger with a letter
from *Baiazer*.

Selim. Will fortune fauour me yet once againe?
And will she thrust the cards into my hands?
VVell if I chance but once to get the decke,
To deale about and shuffle as I would:
Let *Selim* neuer see the day-light spring,
Vnlesse I shuffle out my selfe a king.
Friend let me see thy letter once againe,
That I may read these reconciling lines.

Reades the letter.

Thou hast a pardon *Selim* granted thee.
Mustaffa and the forward *Ianizaries*
Haue sued to thy father *Baiazer*,
That thou maist be their captaine generall
Against th'attempts of *Souldane Acomat*.
VVhy that's the thing that I requested most,
That I might once th'imperiall armie leade:
And since its offred me so willingly,
Beshrew me but ile take their curtesie.
Soft let me see is there no policie
T'entrap poore *Selimus* in this deuice?
It may be that my father feares me yet,
Least I should once againe rise vp in armes,
And like *Antaeus* queld by *Hercules*,
Gather new forces by my ouerthrow:

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And therefore sends for me vnder pretence
Of this, and that: but when he hath me thicke,
Hee'll make me sure for putting him in feare.
Distrust is good, when theirs cause of distrust:
Read it againe, perchance thou doest mistake.

Reade.

O, heer's *Mustaffa* signet set thereto,
Then *Selim* cast all feare aside,
For hee's a Prince that favours thy estate,
And hateth treason worse then death it selfe.
And hardly can I think he could be brought
If there were treason, to subscribe his name!
Come friend, the cause requires we shuld be gone,
Now once againe haue at the Turkishi throne.

Exeunt Both.

Enter *Baizet* leading *Aga, Mustaffa, Hali, Cali, Selimus, the Janizaries*.

Baizet. Come mournfull *Aga*, come and sit by me,
Thou hast bene sorely grieu'd for *Baizet*,
Good reason then that he shoulde grieve for thee.
Giue me thy arm, though thou hast lost thy hands,
And liuest as a poore exile in this light,
Yet hast thou wonne the heart of *Baizet*.

Aga. Your graces words are verie comfortable,
And well can *Aga* beare his grieuous losse,
Since it was for so good a Princes sake.

Sel. Father, if I may call thee by that name,
Whose life I aim'd at with rebellious sword:
In all humilitie thy reformed sonne,
Offers himselfe into your graces hands,
And at your feete lieth his bloodie sword,
Which he aduanc'd against your maiestry.

If my offence do seeme so odious
That I deserue not longer time to liue,
Behold I open vnto you my brest,
Readie prepar'd to die at your command.

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But if repentance in vnsained hearts
And sorrow for my grieuous crime for past, may it be
May merit pardon at your princely hands, and the selfe same
Behold where poore inglorious *Selimus* now boog a flamin
Vpon his knees begs pardon of your grace.

Baia. Stand vp my son, I joy to heare thee speak,
But more to heare thou art so well reclaim'd.
Thy crime was nere so odious vnto me,
But thy reformed life and humble thoughts,
Are thrice as pleasing to my aged spirit.
Selimus we here pronounce thee by our will,
Chiefe generall of the warlike *Lanizaries*,
Go lead them out against false *Acomas*,
Which hath so grieuously rebell'd gainst me.
Spare him not, *Selimus*, though he be my sonne,
Yet do I now cleane disinherit him,
As common enemy to me and myne.

Selimus. May *Selimus* to shew how charfull
And louing he will be to *Baiazet*.
So now doth for the smile on me against
And in regard of former injuries,
Offer me millions of Diadams:
I smile to see how that the good old man
Thinks *Selimus* thoughts are brought to such a gibbe.
As he hath cast off all ambition, hee
But soone shall that opinion be remayned
For if I once get monest the *Lanizaries*,
Then on my head the golden crowne shall sit.
Well *Baiazet*, I feare me thou wilt greeve,
That ere thou didst thy fainting sonne helpeue.

Exit Selimus, with all the rest *Sauve Baiazet*,
and Aga *Now* *flurries* *h'ring* *the* *blow* *of* *the* *wind*

Ba. Now *Aga*, all the thoughts that troubled me
Do rest within the center of my heart,
And thou shalt shortly joy as much with me,
Then *Acomas* by *Selimus* consyning sword,

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Shall leese that gheast, which made thee loose thy sight.

Aga. Ah Baiazet, Aga lookes not for reuenge,
But will powre out his prayers to the heauens,
That Acomat may learne by Selimus,
To yeeld himselfe vp to his fathers grace.

Sound within, long live Selimus Emperour
of Turkes.

Baia. How now, what sodaine triumph haue we here?
Must. Ah gratiouse Lord, the captaines of the hoste,
With one assent haue crown'd Prince Selimus,
And here he comes with all the Ianizaries,
To craue his confirmation at thy hands.

Enter *Cal Bassa, Selimus, Hale Bassa, Siham*, and the *captaines*
and the *Ianizaries*.

Sinam. Baiazet, we the captaines of thy hoste,
Knowing thy weake and too vnewildie age,
Vnable is longer to gouerne vs
Haue chosen Selimus thy yoongersonne
That he may be our leader and our guide,
Against the *Sophis* and his *Persians*,
Against the victorious *Soldane* *Dominick*,
Their wants but thy consent, which we wil haue,
Or hew thy bodie peece-meale with our swords.

Baia. Needs must I give, what is alreadie gone.

He takes of his crowne
Here Selimus, thy father Baiazet,
Weeried with cares that wayt vpon a king,
Resignes the crowne as willingly to thee,
As ere my father gaue it vnto me.

Sets it on his head.

All. Long live Selimus Emperour of Turkes.

Baia. Live thou a long and a victorious raigne,
And be triumper of thine enemis,
Aga and I will to *Dominick*,
And live in peace the remnant of our dayes.

Exit *Baiazet and Aga*.

The first part of the Tragical raigne to

Seli. Now fit I like the armie strong son of *law*,
When after he had all his monstres miell'd,
He was receiu'd in *heauen* mongst the gods, no woe
And had faire *Hebe* for his louely bride.
As many labours *Selimus* hath had,
And now at length attained to the crowne,
This is my *Hebe*, and this is my heauen
Baizet goeth to *Dimicrum*,
And there he purpsoes to live at ease,
But *Selimus*, as long as he is on earth,
Thou shalt not sleep in rest without some brouyle,
For *Baizet* is vnconstant as the wnde,
To make that sure I haue a platforme laid,
Baizet hath with him a cunning Jew, I orts him
Professing phisicke, and so skil'd therem,
As if he had pow'r ouer life and death,
Withall a man so stout and resolute,
That he will venture any thing for gold,
This Jew with some intoxicated drinke,
Shall poyson *Baizet* and that blisst Lord,
Then one of *Hydraes* heads is cleane cut off,
Go some and fetch *Abraham* the Jew.

Corusc *Exit one for Abraham*
Corusc, thy pageant next is to be plaiding I stumbeo¹
For though he be a graue Philosopher,
Gitten to read *Mahomet*'s dread lawes,
And *Razins* toyes, and *Auicenes* drugges;
Yet he may haue a longing for the crowne
Besides, he may by diuellish Negromancie
Procure my death, or worke my ouerthrow,
The diuell stll is readie to do harme.
Hali, you and your brother presently
Shall with an armie to *Magnesia*,
There you shall find the scholler at his booke,
And hearst thou *Hali*? strangle him.

Exeunt Hali, and Cali.

Corusc

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Coccut once dead, then Acomat remaines, Whose death wil make me certaine of the crowne. These heads of Hydra are the principall, When these are off, some other will arise, As Amurath and Aladin, sonnes to Acomat, My sister Solyma, Mustaffaes wife, All these shall suffer shipwrack on a shelfe, Rather then Selim will be drown'd himselfe.

Enter Abrabam the Iew.

Iew thou art welcome vnto Selimus, I haue a piece of seruice for you sir, But on your life be secret in the deed. Get a strong poyson, whose enuenoin'd taste May take away the life of Biazet, Before he passe forth of Bizantium.

Abra. I warrant you my gratioues soueraigne, He shall be quickly sent vnto his graue, For I haue potions of so strong a force, That who soeuer touches them shall die.

Speakes aside. And wold your grace would once but taste of them, I could as willingly affoord them you, As your aged father Biazet, My Lord, I am resolu'd to do the deed.

Seli. So this is welle for I am one of those That make a conscience for to kill a man, For nothing is more hurtfull to a Prince, Then to be scrupulous and religious. I like Lysanders counsell passing well, If that I cannot speed with Lyons force, To cloath my complets in a foxes skin. For th'onely things that wrought our Empirie, Were open wrongs, and hidden trecherie. Oh, th'are two wings wherewith I vse to flie, And soare aboue the common sorte.

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

A restlesse pilot for the charge yf fit,
But out alake, the god that wales the sea,
And can alone this raging tempest stent,
Will neuer blow a gentle gale of ease,
But suffer my poore vessel to be rent:
Then ô thou blind procurer of mischance,
That staist thy selfe vpon a turning wheelle,
Thy cruel hande euuen when thou wile enhant,
And pierce my poore hart with thy charrant steele.

Aga. Cease Baazer, now it is Aga turne,
Reft thou awhile and gather vp more teares,
The while poore Aga tell his Tragedie.
When first my mother brought me to the world,
Some blazing Comet ruled in the skie,
Portending miserable chance to me,
My parents were but men of pobre estate,
And happie yet had wretched Aga bente,
If Baazer had not exalted him.
Poore Aga, had it not bene much more faire,
T'haue died among the cruell Persians,
Then thus at home by barbarous tyannie
To liue and neuer see the cheerfull day,
And to want hands wherewith to feele the way.

Ba. Leaue weeping Aga, we haue wept inough,
Now Baazer will bin another while,
And vtter curses to the concake skie,
Which may infect the regions of the ayre,
And bring a generall plague on all the world,
Night thou most antient grand-mother of all,
First made by Ione, for rest and quiet sleepe,
When chearful day is gon from th'earths wide hall.
Henceforth thy mantle in blak Lethe sleepe,
And cloath the world in darknesse infernall,
Suffer not once the joyfull dailight peape,
But let thy pitchie steeds axe draw thy waine,
And coaleblack silence in the world still raigne.

The first part of the Tragicall raigne

Curse on my parents that first brought me vp, to the best of my
And on the cradle wherein I was rocked, both ends alike.
Curse on the day when first I was created.
The chiefe commander of all *Asia*.
Curse on my sonnes that drue me to this griefe,
Curse on my selfe that can finde no reliefs,
And curse on him, an everlasting curse,
That quench'd those lampes of euerburning light,
And tooke away my *Agas* warlike hands.
And curse on all things vnder the wide skie,
Ah *Agz*, I haue curst my stomacke drie.

Abra. I haue a drinke my Lords of noble worth,
Which soone will caime your stormie passions,
And gladd your hearts if so you please to taste it.

Bala. For who art thou that thus doest pitie vs? eniborid 1

Alr. Your highnelle humble seruant *Abrahā*.

Act. Abraham sit downe and drink to Bairzet.

Abra. Faith I am old as well as ~~Buzzet~~,
And haue not many months to live on earth; I bid you adieu.
I care not much to end my life with him.
Heer's to you Lordings with a full carouse.

Baia. Here Aga, wofull Baiazeet drinkest to thee. *choisba*
Abraham, hold the cup to him while he drinkest. *pol. I. 8*

Abra. Now know old Lords; that you haue drunk your last:
This was a potion which I did prepare
To poyson you, by *Selimus* instigation,
And now it is dispersed through my bones,
And glad I am that such companions
Shall go with me downe to *Proserpina*.

Bais. Ah wicked lew, ah cursed Selimus,
How haue the destins dealt with Baiset,
That none shuld cause my death but mine own son?
Had Israe and his warlike Persians
Pierced my bodie with their iron speares,

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Or had the strong vnconquer'd *Tonumbey*
With his Aegyptians tooke me prisoner,
And sent me with his valiant Mammalukes,
To be praie vnto the *Crocodilus*.

It neuer would haue grieu'd me halfe so much-
But welcome death into whose calmie port,
My sorrow-beaten soule ioyes to attiue.
And now farewell my disobedient sonnes,
Vnnaturall sonnes vnworthie of that name.
Farewell sweete life, and *Aga* now farewell,
Till we shall meeete in the Elysian fields.

He dies.

Aga. What greater griefe had mournful *Priamus*,
Then that he liu'd to see his *Hector* die,
His citie burnt downe by reuenging flames,
And poore *Polites* slaine before his face?

Aga, thy griefe is matchable to his,
For I haue liu'd to see my soueraignes death,
Yet glad that I must breath my last with him.
And now farewell sweet light, which my poore eyes
These twice six moneths neuer did behold:
Aga will follow noble *Baazer*,
And beg a boone of louely *Proserpine*,
That he and I may in the mournfull fields,
Still weepe and waile our strange calamities.

He dies

Enter *Bullibrumble*, the shepheard running in hast,
and laughing to himselfe.

Bulli. Ha, ha, ha, married quoth you? Marry and *Bullibrumble* were to begin the world againe, I would set a tap abroach, and not liue in daily feare of the breach of my wiues ten-commandemens. Ile tell you what, I thought my selfe as proper a fellow at wasters, as any in all our village, and yet when my wife begins to plaiē clubbes trumpe with me, I am faine to sing:

What hap had I to marry a shrew,
For she hath giuen me many a blow,

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And how to please her alas I do not know.
From morne to euen her toong ne'r lies,
Sometime she laughs, sometime she cries:
And I can scarce keep her talêts fro my eies.
When from abroad I do come in,
Sir knaue she cries, where haue you bin?
Thus please, or displease, she laies it on my
Then do I crouch, then do I kneele, (skin.
And wish my cap were furr'd with steele,
To beare the blows that my poore head doth feele.
But our sir John beshrew thy hait,
For thou hast ioynd vs we cannot part,
And I poore foole, must euer beare the smart.

Ile tell you what, this morning while I was making me ready,
she came with a holly wand, and so blest my shoulders that I
was faine to runne through a whole Alphabet of faces: now at
the last seeing she was so cramuk with me, I began to sweare all
the crisse crossle row ouer, beginning at great A, hile a, til I cam
to w,x,y. And snatching vp my sheephooke, & my bottle and
my bag, like a desperate fellow ranne away, and here now ile sit
downe and eate my meate.

While he is eating, Enter *Cercut* and his Page,
disguised like mourners.

Cor. O hatefull hellish snake of *Tartary*,
That feedest on the soule of noblest men,
Damned ambition, cause of all miserie,
Why doest thou creep from out thy loathsome fen,
And with thy poysone animatest friends,
And gape and long one for the others ends.
Selimus, couldst thou not content thy mind,
With the possession of the sacred throne,
Which thou didst get by fathers death vankid:
Whose poison'd ghost before high God doth grone.
But thou must seeke poore *Cercus* ouerthrow,
That neuer injured thee, so, nor so?

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Old *Hales* sonnes with two great companie
Of barded horse, were sent from *Selimus*,
To take me prisoner in *Magnesia*,
And death I am sure should haue befall to me,
If they had once but set their ey's on me.
So thus disguised my poore Page and I,
Fled fast to *Smirna*, where in a darke caue
We meant t'await th'arruall of some ship
That might transfeit vs safely vnto *Rhodes*.
But see how fortune crost my enterprise.
Bostangi Baffa, Selimi sonne in law,
Kept all the sea coasts with his *Brigandines*,
That if we had but ventured on the sea,
I presently had bene his prisoner.
These two dayes haue we kept vs in the caue,
Eating such hearbes as the ground did affoord:
And now through hunger are we both constrain'd
Like fearefull snakes to creep out step by step,
And see if we may get vs any food.
And in good time, see yonder sits a man,
Spreading a hungry dinner on the grasse.

Bullibrumble spies them, and puts vp his meate.

Bull. These are some felonians, that ieeke to rob me, well, ile
make my selfe a good deale valianter then I am indeed, and if
they will needes creep into kindred with me, ile betake me to
my old occupation, and runne away.

Corcur. Haile groome.

Bull. Good Lord sir, you are deceiued, my names master *Bullibrumble*: this is some couloring conicatchang crosbiter, that
would faine perswade me he knowes me, and so vnder a tence of
familiaritie and acquaintance, vncle me of victuals.

Corcur. Then *Bullibrumble*, if that be thy name:

Bull. My name sir ô Lord yes, and if you wil not beleue me,
I wil bring my godfathers and godmothers, and they shal swear
it vpon the tont-stone, and vpon the church booke too, where
it is written.

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Bull. Masse, I thinke he be some Iustice of peace, *ad quorum*, and *omnium populorum*, how he samines me: a christian, yes marrie am I sir, yes verely and do beleue: and it please you ile goe forward in my catechisme.

Corent. Then *Bullibrumble*, by that blessed Christ, And by the tombe where he was buried, By soueraigne hope which thou conceiu'st in him, Whom dead, as euerliuing thou adorest.

Bull. O Lord helpe me, I shall be torne in peeces with diuels and goblins.

Corent. By all the ioyes thou hop'st to haue in heauen, Giue some meate to poore hunger-starued men.

Bull. Oh, these are as a man should say beggars: Now will I be as stately to them as if I were maister *Pigwigen* our constable: well sirs come before me, tell me if I should entertain you, would you not steale?

Page. If we did meane so sir, we would not make your worship acquainted with it.

Bull. A good well nutrimented lad: well if you will keepe my sheepe truly and honestly, keeping your hands from lying and slandering, and your tongues from picking and stealing, you shall be maister *Bullibrumbles* seruitures.

Corent. With all our hearts.

Bull. Then come on and follow me, we will haue a hogges cheek, and a dish of tripes, and a societie of puddings, & to field: a societie of puddings, did you marke that well vsed metaphor? Another would haue said, a company of puddings: if you dwel with me long sirs, I shall make you as eloquent as our parson himselfe.

Exeunt Corent, and Bullibrumble.

Page. Now is the time when I may be enrich'd. The brethren that were sent by *Selimus* To take my Lord, Prince *Corent* prisoner, Finding him fled, proposed large rewards To them that could declare where he remaines. Faith ile to them and get the portagues,

Though

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Though by the bargain *Cormi* loose his head.

Exit Page.

Enter *Selimus, Sinam-bassa*, the courses of *Mustaffa* and *Aga*,
with funerall pompe, *Mustaffa*, and the Ianizaries.

Seli. Why thus must *Selim* blind his subiect eies,
And straine his owne to weep for *Baizet*.
They will not dreame I made him away,
When thus they see me with religious pompe,
To celebrate his tomb-blacke mortarie.

(To himselfe.)

And though my heart cast in an iron mould,
Cannot admit the smallest dramme of griefe.
Yet that I may be thought to loue him well,
Ile mourne in shew, though I reioyce indeed.

To the courses.

Thus after he hath fiew long ages liu'd,
The sacred *Phœnix* of *Arabia*,
Loadeth his wings with pretious perfumes,
And on the altar of the golden sunne,
Offers himselfe a gratefull sacrifice.
Long didst thou liue triumphant *Baizet*,
A feare vnto thy greatest enemies,
And now that death the conquerour of Kings,
Dislodged hath thy neuer dying soule,
To flee vnto the heauens from whence she came,
And leaue her fraile, earth pavilion,
Thy bodie in this auntient monument,
Where our great predecessours sleep in rest:

Suppose the Temple of *Mahomet*.

Thy wofull sonne *Selimus* thus doth place.
Thou wert the *Phœnix* of this age of ours,
And diedst wrapped in the sweete perfumes,
Of thy magnifick deeds, whose lasting praise
Mounteth to highest heauen with golden wings.
Princes come beare your Emperour companie
In, till the dayes of mourning be ore past,
And then we meane to rouze false *Acomar*,

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And call him foorth of *Macedonia*.

Exeunt All.

Enter *Hali, Cali, Corcutes Page*, and one
or two souldiers.

Page. My Lords, if I bring you not where *Corcut* is, then let
me be hanged, but if I deliuer him vp into your hands, then let
me haue the reward due to so good a deed.

Hali. Page, if thou shew vs where thy maister is,
Be sure thou shalt be honoured for the deed,
And high exaltered aboue other men.

Enter *Corcut*, and *Bullubramble*.

Page. That same is he, that in disguised robes,
Accompanieth yon shepheard to the fields.

Cor. The sweete content that country life affoords,
Passeth the royall pleasures of a King:
For there our ioyes are interlaced with feares:
But here no feare nor care is harbourred,
But a sweete calme of a most quiet state.

Ah *Corcut*, would thy brother *Selimus*
But let thee liue, here should'st thou spend thy life,
Feeding thy sheep among these grassie lands.
But sure I wonder where my Page is gone.

Hali, Corcut.

Corcut. Ay-me, who nameth me?

Hali. *Hali*, the gouernour of *Magnesia*.
Poore prince, thou thoughtest in these disguised weeds,
To maske vnseene: and happily thou might'st,
But that thy Page betraied thee to vs.
And be not wrath with vs vnhappie prince,
If we do what our soueraigne commands.
Tis for thy death that *Selimus* sends for thee.

Cor. Thus I like poore *Ampharanus*, sought
By hiding my estate in shepheards coate,
To escape the angry wrath of *Selimus*.
But as his wife faire *Eriphyle* did
Betray his safetie for a chaine of gold,

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

So my false Page hath vileyly dealt with me,
Pray God that thou maist prosper so as shc.

Hali. I know thou sorrowest for my case,
But it is bootelesse, come and let vs go,
Corsent is readie, since it is must be so.

Cali. Shepheard.

Bulli. Thats my profession sir.

Cali. Come, you must go with vs.

Bulli. Who I? A lassie sir, I haue a wife and seuentenee cradles rocking, two ploughs going, two barnes filling, and a great heard of beasts feeding, and you shoule vtterly vndo me to take me to such a great charge.

Cali. Well there is no remedie.

Exeunt ali, but *Bulli* *thumble* stealing from them
closely away.

Bulli. The mores the pitie Go with you quoth he, marrie
that had bene the way to preferment, downe *Holburne* vp *Tisbury*: well ile keepe my best ioynt from the strappado as well
as I can hereafter, ile haue no more seruants.

Exit running away.

Enter *Selimus*, *Sinam-Bassa*, *Mustaffa*, and
the Ianizaries.

Seli. *Sinam*, we heare our brother *Accmat*
Is fled away from *Macedonia*,
To aske for aide of Persian *Ismael*,
And the *Ægyptian* Soldane our chiefe foes.

Sinam. Herein my Lord I like his enterprise,
For if they giue him aide as sure they will,
Being your highnesse vowed enemies,
You shall haue iust cause for to warre on them,
For giuing succour aginst you, to your foe.
You know they are two mightie Potentates,
And may be hurtfull neighbours to your grace,
And to enrich the Turkish Diademe.

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With two so worthie kingdomes as they are,
Would be eternall glorie to your name.

Seli. By heauens *Snam*,th'art a warriour,
And worthie counceller vnto a King.

Sound within. Enter *Cal* and *Hal*, with
Corcud and his Page.

How now,what newes?

Cal. My gratiouſ Lord,we here present to you
Your brother *Corcud*,whom in *Smirna* coasts
Feeding a flocke of ſheepe vpon a downe,
His traitorous Page betraied to our hands.

Seli. Thanks ye bold brethren, but for that false part,
Let the vile Page be famished to death.

Corcud. *Selim*,in this I ſee thou art a Prince,
To puniſh treaſon with condigne reward.

Seli. O ſir,I loue the fruite that treaſon brings,
But thole that are the traitors, them I hate.
But *Corcud*,could not your Philosophie
Keep you ſafe from my Ianizaries hands.
We thought you had old *Gyges* wondrouſ ring,
That ſo you were inuible to vs.

Cor. *Selim*,thou dealſt vnkindly with thy brother,
To ſecke my death, and make a iest of me.
Vpbraid ſt thou me with my philofophie?
Why this I learn'd by ſtudying learned arts,
That I can beare my fortune as it falles,
And that I feare no whit thy crueltie,
Since thou wilt deale no otherwife with me,
Then thou haſt dealt with aged *Baiazet*.

Seli. By heauens *Corcud*,thou ſhalt ſurely die,
For ſlandring *Selim* with my fathers death.

Cor. The let me freely ſpeak my mind this once,
For thou ſhalt neuer heare me ſpeak againe.

Sel. Nay we can giue ſuch looſers leaue to ſpeak.

Cor. Then *Selim*,heare thy brothers dying words,
And marke them well,for ere thou die thy ſelfe,

Thou

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Thou shalt perceiue all things will come to passe,
That *Coren* doth diuine before his death.
Since my vaine flight from faire *Magnesia*,
Selim I haue conuerst with Christians,
And learn'd of them the way to saue my soule,
And please the anger of the highest God.
Tis he that made this pure Christalline vault
Which hangeth ouer our vnhappy heads,
From thence he doth behold each sinners fault :
And though our sinnes vnder our feete he treads,
And for a while seeme for to winke at vs,
But is to recall vs from our wayes.
But if we do like head-strong sonnes negle~~ct~~
To hearken to our louing fathers voyce,
Then in his anger will he vs reie~~ct~~,
And giue vs ouer to our wicked choyce.
Selim before his dreadfull maiestie,
There lies a booke written with bloudie lines,
Where our offences all are registred.
Which if we do not hastily repent,
We are reserv'd to lasting punishment.
Thou wretched *Selimus* hast greatest need
To ponder these things in thy secret thoughts,
If thou consider what strange massacres
And cruell murthers thou hast caus'd be done.
Thinke on the death of wofull *Baizet*.
Doth not his ghoast stil haunt thee for reuenge ?
Selim in *Chiurlu* didst thou set vpon
Our aged father in his sodaine flight:
In *Chiurlu* shalt thou die a greeuous death.
And if thou wilt not change thy greedie mind,
Thy soule shall be tormented in darke hell,
Where woe, and woe, and neuer ceasing woe,
Shall sound about thy euer-damned soule.
Now *Selim* I haue spoken, let me die :
I neuer will intreate thee for my life.

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Selim farewell: thou God of Christians,
Receive my dying soule into thy hands. (Strangles him.)

Sel. What is he dead? then *Selimus* is safe,
And hath no more corruials in the crowne.

For as for *Acomat* he soone shall see,
His Persian aide cannot saue him from me.

Now *Sinam* march to faire *Amasia* walles,
Where *Acomat* stout Queene immures her selfe,

And girt the citie with a warlike siege,
For since her husband is my enemy,

I see no caue why she shou'd be my friend.

They say yoong *Amurath* and *Aladis*,
Her bastard brood, are come to succour her.

But ile preuent this their officiousnesse,
And lend their soule downe to their grandfather.

Mustaff you shall keepe *Bizantium*,
While I and *Sinam* girt *Amasia*.

Exit *Selimus*, *Sinam*, Ianizaries all saue one.

Must. It grieues my soule that *Batazer* faire line,
Should be eclipsed thus by *Selimus*,

Whose cruell soule will never be at rest

Till none remaine of *Ottomans* faire race

But he himselfe: yet for old *Batazer*

Loued *Mustaffa* deare vnto his death,

I will shew mercy to his familie.

Go sirra, poast to *Acomat* yoong sonnes,

And bid them as they meane to saue their liues,

To flie in haile from faire *Amasia*,

Least cruell *Selim* put them to the sword.

Exit one to *Amurath* and *Aladin*.

And now *Mustaffa*, prepare thou thy necke,

For thou art next to die by *Selimus* hands.

Stearne *Sinam* *Baja* giudgeth still at thee,

And crabbed *Hale* stormeth at thy life,

Al repine that thou art honour'd so,

To be the brother of their Emperour.

Enter

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Enter *Solyma*.

But wherefore comes my louely *Solyma*?

Soly. Mustaffa I am come to seeke thee out,
If euer thy distressed *Solyma*,
Found grace and fauour in thy manly heart:
Flie hence with me vnto some desert land,
For if we tarry here we are but dead.

This night when faire *Lucinaes* shining waine,

Was paſt the chaire of bright *Cassiopey*,
A fearefull vision appear'd to me.

Me thought *Mustaffa*, I beheld thy necke

So often folded in my louing armes,
In foule disgrace of Bassaes faire degree,
With a vile hatar basely compassed.

And while I powr'd my teares on thy dead corpes,

A greedie lyon with wide gaping throte,
Seaz'd on my trembling bodie with his feete,
And in a moment rent me all to nought.

Flie sweet *Mustaffa*, or we be but dead.

Must. Why shoulde we flie beauteous *Solyma*,

Mou'd by a vaine and a fantastique dreame?

Or if we did flie whither shoulde we flie?

It to the farthest part of *Asia*,

Know'ſt thou not *Solyma*, kings hane long hands?

Come, come, my ioy, returne againe with me,

And banish hence these melancholy thoughts.

(Exeunt.

Enter *Aladin, Murath*, the messenger.

Aladin. Messenger is it true that *Selimus*
Is not far hence encamped with his hoste?
And meanes he to disioyne the haplesse sonnes
From helping our distressed mothers towne?

Mess. Tis true my Lord, and if you loue your liues
Flie from the bounds of his dominions,
For he you know is most vnmercifull.

Amu. Here messenger take this for thy reward. *Exit mess.*
But we sweet *Aladin*, let vs depart,
Now in the quiet silence of the night

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That ere the windowes of the morne be ope,
We may be far inough from *Selimus*.

Ile to *Aegyptus*.

Alinda. I to *Persia*. (Exeunt.

Enter *Selimus*, *Sinam*, *Hali*, *Cals*, *Ianizaries*.

Seli. But is it certaine *Hali* they are gone?
And that *Mustaffa* moued them to flie?

Hali. Certaine my Lord, I met the messenger
As he returned from yoong *Alinda*:
And learned of them, *Mustaffa*, was the man
That certifid the Princes of your will.

Seli. It is inough: *Mustaffa* shall abie
At a deare price his pitifull intent.

Hali go fetch *Mustaffa* and his wife. (Exit *Hali*).
For though she be fitter to *Selimus*,
Yet loues she him better then *Selimus*.
So that if he do die at our command,
And she should liue: soone wold she worke a mean
To worke reuenge for her *Mustaffas* death.

Enter *Hali*, *Mustaffa*, and *Solima*.

False of thy faith, and traitor to thy king,
Did we so highly alway honour thee,
And doest thou thus requite our loue with treason,
For why shouldst thou send to yoong *Alinda*,
And *Amurath*, the sonnes of *Acomat*,
To give them notice of our secrecies,
Knowing they were my vowed enemies?

Must. I do not seeke to lesson my offence
Great *Selimus*, but truly do protest
I did it not for hatred of your grace,
So helpe me God and holy *Mahomet*.
But for I grieu'd to see the famous stocke
Of worthie *Baizet* fall to decay,
Therefore I sent the Princes bothaway.
Your highnesse knowes *Mustaffa* was the man
That sau'd you in the battell of *Churlu*,

When

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

When I and all the warlike Ianizaries
Had hedg'd your person in a dangerous ring.
Yet I tooke pitie on your daunger there,
And made a way for you to scape by flight.
But those your Bassaes haue incensed you,
Repining at *Mustaffas* dignitie.

Stearne Sinam grindes his angry teeth at me.
Old *Halies* sonnes do bend their browes at me,
And are agrieued that *Mustaffa* hath
Shewed himselfe a better man then they.
And yet the Ianizars mourne for me,
They know *Mustaffa* neuer proued false.
I, I haue bene as true to *Selimus*,
As euer subiect to his soueraigne,
So helpe me God and holy *Mahomet*.

Seli. You did it not because you hated vs,
But for you lou'd the sonnes of *Acomat*.
Sinam, I charge thee quickly strangle him,
He loues not me that loues mine enemies.
As for your holy protestation,
It cannot enter into *Selims* eares :
For why *Mustaffa* ? euery marchant man
Will praise his own ware be it ne'r so bad.

Solima. For *Solimas* sake mightie *Selimus*,
Spare my *Mustaffas* life, and let me die :
Or if thou wilt not be so gratioues,
Yet let me die before I see his death.

Seli. Nay *Solima*, your selfe shall also die,
Because you may be in the selfesame faulk.
Why stai'st thou *Sinam* ? strangle him I say.

Sinam strangles him.

Soli. Ah *Selimus*, he made thee Emperour,
And wilt thou thus requite his benefits ?
Thou art a cruell tygre and no man,
That coul'dst endure to see before thy face,
So braue a man as my *Mustaffa* was,

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Cruelly strangled for so small a fault.

Sel. Thou shalt not after liue him *Solima*.

Twere pitie thou shold st want the company
Of thy deare husband : *Sinam* strangle her.

And now to faire *Amasia* let vs march.

Acomat wife, and her vnmanly hoast,
Will not be able to endure our sight,
Much lesse make strong resistance in hardfight.

Exeunt.

Enter *Acomat*, *Tonombeius*, *Vifir*, *Regan*, and
their souldiers.

Aco. Welcome my Lords into my natuue soyle,
The crowne whereof by right is due to me :
Though *Selim* by the Ianizaries choyce,
Through vsurpation keep the same from me.
You know contrary to my fathers mind,
He was enthronized by the Bassaes will,
And after his enstalling, wickedly
By poyson made good *Batazet* to die.
And strangled *Cercus*, and exiled me.
These iniuries we come for to reuenge,
And raise his siege from faire *Amasia* walles.

Tonom. Prince of *Amasia*, and the rightful heire
Vnto the mightie Turkish Diadem:
With willing heart great *Tonembey* hath left
Ægyptian *Nilus* and my fathers court,
To aide thee in thy vndertaken warre,
And by the great *Isancassanos* ghoast,
Companio n vnto mightie *Tamberlaine*,
From whom my father lineally descends,
Fortune shall shew her selfe too crosse to me,
But we will thriue *Selimus* from his throne,
And reueit *Acomat* in the Empirie.

Aco. Thanks to the vncontrolled *Tonembey*.
But let vs halte vs to *Amasia*,
To succour my besieged citizens.

None

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

None but my Queene is ouerseer there,
And too too weake is all her pollicie,
Against so great a foe as Selimus.

Exeunt All

Enter *Selimus, Sinam, H. li, Cali*, and the
Iantzaries.

Seli. Summon a parley sirs that we may know
Whether these Mushroms here will yeeld or no.

A parley: Queene of *Amasia*, and her sou'diers
on the wal' es.

Queen. What cravest thou bloud-thirstie parricide?
Ist not inough that thou haft souely slaine,
Thy loving father noble *Baazzer*,
And strangled *Corcuz* thine vnhappy brother
Slaine braue *Mustaffa*, and faire *Slima*?
Because they fauoured my vnhappy sonnes,
But thou must yet seeke for more massacres:
Go, wash thy guylie hands in luke-warme blood.
Enrich thy souldiers with robberies:
Yet do the heauens still beare an equall eye,
And vengeance followes thee euen at the heeles.

Seli. Queene of *Amasia*, wilt thou yeeld thy selfe?
Queen. First shall the ouer-flowing *Euripus*
Oftwile *ubea* stop his restlesse courie
And *Phœbus* bright globe bring the day frō the west,
And quench his hot flaines in the Eterne sea.
Thy bloudie sword vngratiouous *Selimus*
Sheath'd in the bowels of thy dearest friends:
Thy wicked gard which still attends on thee,
Fleshing themselves in murther, lust, and rape:
What hope offauour: what securitie?
Rather what death do they not promise me?
Then thinke not *Selimus* that we will yeeld,
But looke for strong resistance at our hands.

Seli. Why then you never danted Iantzaries,
Aduance your shields and vncontrolled speares,

Yours

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Your conquering hands in foe-mens blood embay,
For *Selimus* himselfe will lead the way.

Allarum, beats them off the walles. Allarum.

Enter *Selimus*, *Sinam*, *Hali*, *Cali*, Ianizaries, with
Acomat's Queene prisoner.

Se. Now sturdie dame, where are your men of war
To gard your person from my angry sword?
What? though brau'd vs on your citie walles,
Like to that *Amanonian Menalip*,
Leauing the bankes of swift-stream'd *Thermodos*
To challenge combat with great *Hercules*:
Yet *Selimus* hath pluckt your haughtie plumes,
Nor can your spouse rebellious *Acomat*,
Nor *Alinda*, or *Amurath* your sonnes,
Deliuier you from our victorious hands.

Queen. *Selim* I scorne thy threatnings as thy selfe.
And though ill hap hath giuen me to thy hands,
Yet will I neuer beg my life of thee.
Fortune may chance to frowne as much on thee.
And *Acomat* whom thou doest scorne so much,
May take thy base *Tartarian* concubine,
As well as thou hast tooke his loyall Queene.
Thou hast not fortune tied in a chaine,
Nor doest thou like a warie pilot sit,
And wisely stir this all conteining barge.
Thou art a man as those whom thou hast slaine,
And some of them were better far then thou.

Seli. Strangle her *Hali*, let her scold no more.
Now let vs march to meet with *Acomat*,
He brings with him that great *Ægyptian* bug,
Strong Tonombey, Vsin-Cassanos sonne.
But we shall soone with our fine tempered swords,
Engraue our prowesse on their buganets,
Were they as mightie and as fell of force,
As those old earth-bred brethren, which once

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Heape hill on hill to seale the starrie skie,
When *Briareus* arm'd with a hundredth hands,
Flung foorth a hundredth mountaines at g'eat *Ioue*,
And when the monstros giant *Monichus*
Hurld mount *Olympos* at g'eat *Mars* his targe,
And darted cedars at *Minervas* shield. *Exeunt All.*

Allarum. Enter *Selimus*, *Sinam*, *Calt*, *Hali*, and the Janizaries,
at one doore, and *Acomat*, *Tonombey*, *Regan*, *Vissr*, and their
souldiers at another.

Seli. What are the vrichins crept out of their dens,
Vnder the conduct of this porcupine?
Doest thou not tremble *Acomat* at vs,
To see how courage masketh in our lookes,
And white-wing'd victorie sits on our swordes?
Captaine of *Ægypt*, thou that vant'ſt thy ſelue
Sprung from great *Tamberlaine* the *Scytha* theefe,
Who had the enterprise this bold attempt,
To ſet thy feete within the Turkish confines,
Or lift thy hands againſt our maieſtie?

Aco. Brother of *Trebifond*, your ſquared words,
And broad-mouth'd tearmes, can neuer conquer vs.
We come resolu'd to pull the Turkish crowne,
Which thou doest wrongfully detaine from me,
By conquering ſword from of thy coward crest.

Seli. *Acomat*, ſith the quarrell toucheth none
But thee and me: I dare, and challenge thee.

Tonum. Should he accept the combat of a boy?
Whose vnripe yeaſes and farre vnriper wit
Like to the bold foole-hardie *Phetun*
That ſought to rule the chariot of the ſunne,
Hath mou'd thee t'vnde take an Empirie.

Seli. Thou that resoluteſt in peremptorie tearmes,
To call him boy that ſcornes to cope with thee:
But thou can't better vſe thy bragging blade,
Then thou canſt rule thy ouerflowing tongue,
Soone ſhall thou know that *Selimus* mightie arme

The first part of the Tragicallaigne
Is able to ouerthrow poore Tonombey.

Allarum, Tonombey beates Hali and Cals in.
Selim beats Tonombey in. Allarum,
Exit Tonombey.

Tonom. The field is lost, and Acomat is taken.
Ah Tonombey, how canst thou shew thy face
To thy victorious fire, thus conquered.
A matchlesse knight is warlike Selimus.
And like a shepheard mongst a swarne of gnats,
Dings downe the flying Persians with their swords.
Twice I encountred with him hand to hand,
And twice returned foyled and ashame'd.
For neuer yet since I could manage Armes,
Could any match with mightie Tonombey,
But this heroicke Emperour Selimus.
Why stand I still, and rather do not flie
The great occision which the victors make?

Exit Tonombey.

Allarum. Enter Selimus, Sinam Bassa, with
Acomat prisoner, Hali, Cals, Ianizaries.

Seli. Thus when the coward Greeks fled to their shippes,
The noble Hector all besmeare'd in blood,
Return'd in triumph to the walles of Troy.
A gallant trophee, Bassae haue we wonne,
Beating the neuer-foyled Tonombey,
And hewinge passage through the Persians.
As when a lyon rauing for his prae,
Falleth vpon a droaue of horned balles,
And rends them strongly in his kingly pawes.
Or Mars arm'd in his adamantue coate,
Mounted vpon his firie-shining waine,
Scatters the troupes of warlike Thracians,
And warmes cold Hebras with hot streams of blood.
Braue Sinam, for thy noble prisoner,
Thou shalt be generall of my Ianizaries.

And

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

And Belierbey of faire *Natalia*.

Now *Acomar*, thou monster of the world,

Why stoup'st thou not with reuerence to thy king?

Aco. Selim if thou haue gotten victorie,

Then vse it to thy contentation.

If I had conquer'd, know assuredly

I would haue said as much and more to thee.

Know I disdaine them as I do thy selfe,

And scorne to stoupe or bend my Lordly knee,

To such a tyrant as is *Selimus*.

Thou slew'st my *Queene* without regard or care,

Of loue or dutie, or thine owne good name.

Then *Selim* take that which thy hap doth giue,

Disgraft, displaist, I longer loath to liue.

Seli. Then *Sinam* strangle him: now he is dead,

Who doth remaine to trouble *Selimus*?

Now am I King alone and none but I.

For since my fathers death vntill this time,

I neuer wanted some competitors.

Now as the weerie wandring traueller

That hath his steppes guided through many lands,

Through boiling soile of *Affrica* and *Ind*,

When he returns vnto his natvie home:

Sits downe among his friends, and with delight

Declares the trauels he hath ouerpast.

So maist thou *Selimus*, for thou hast trode

The monster-garden paths, that lead to crownes.

Ha, ha, I smile to thinke how *Selimus*

Like the *Ægyptian Ibis* hath expelled

Those swarming armies of swift-winged snakes,

That sought to ouerrun my territories,

When soultring heat the earths green childre spoiles

From foorth the fennes of venomous *Affrica*,

The generation of those flying snakes,

Do band themselues in troupes, and take their way

To *Nilus* bounds: but those industrious birds,

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Those *Ibides* meete them in set array,
And eate them vp like to a swarne of gnats,
Preuenting such a mischiefe from the land.
But see how vnkind nature deales with them:
From out their egges rises the basiliske,
Whose onely sight killes millions of men.
When *Acomat* lifted his vngratious hands
Against my aged father *Baizet*.
They sent for me, and I like *Ægypt*es bird
Haue rid that monster, and his fellow mates.
But as from *Ibis* springs the *Basilisk*,
Whose onely touch burneth vp stones and trees.
So *Selimus* hath prou'd a Cocatrice,
And cleane consumed all the familie
Of noble *Ottoman*, except himselfe.
And now to you my neighbour Emperours,
That durst lend ayd to *Selims* enemies,
Sinam those Soldanes of the Orient,
Aegipt and *Persia*, *Selimus* will quell,
Or he himselfe will sincke to lowest hell.
This winter will we rest and breath our selues:
But soone as *Zephyrus* sweete smelling blast
Shall greatly creep ouer the flourie meades,
Wee'll haue a fling at the *Ægyptian* crowne,
And ioyne it vnto ours, or loose our owne.

Exeunt.

of Selimus, Emperour of the Turkes.

Conclusion.

Thus haue we brought victorious Selimus,
Vnto the Crowne of great Arabia :
Next shall you see him with trinmphant sword,
Diuiding kingdomes into equall shares,
And giue them to their warlike followers.
If this first part Gentles, do like you well,
The second part, shall greater murthers tell.

F I N I S.

